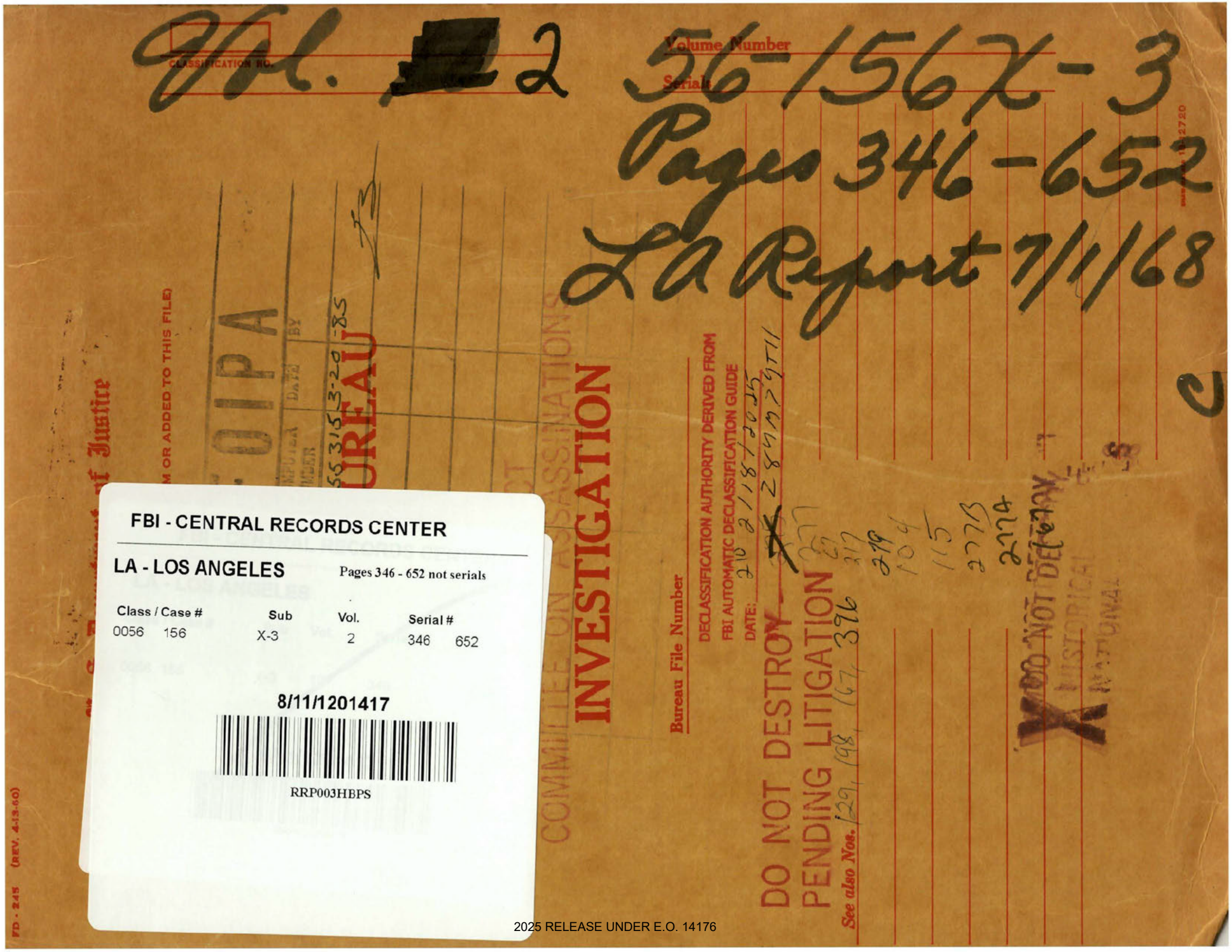
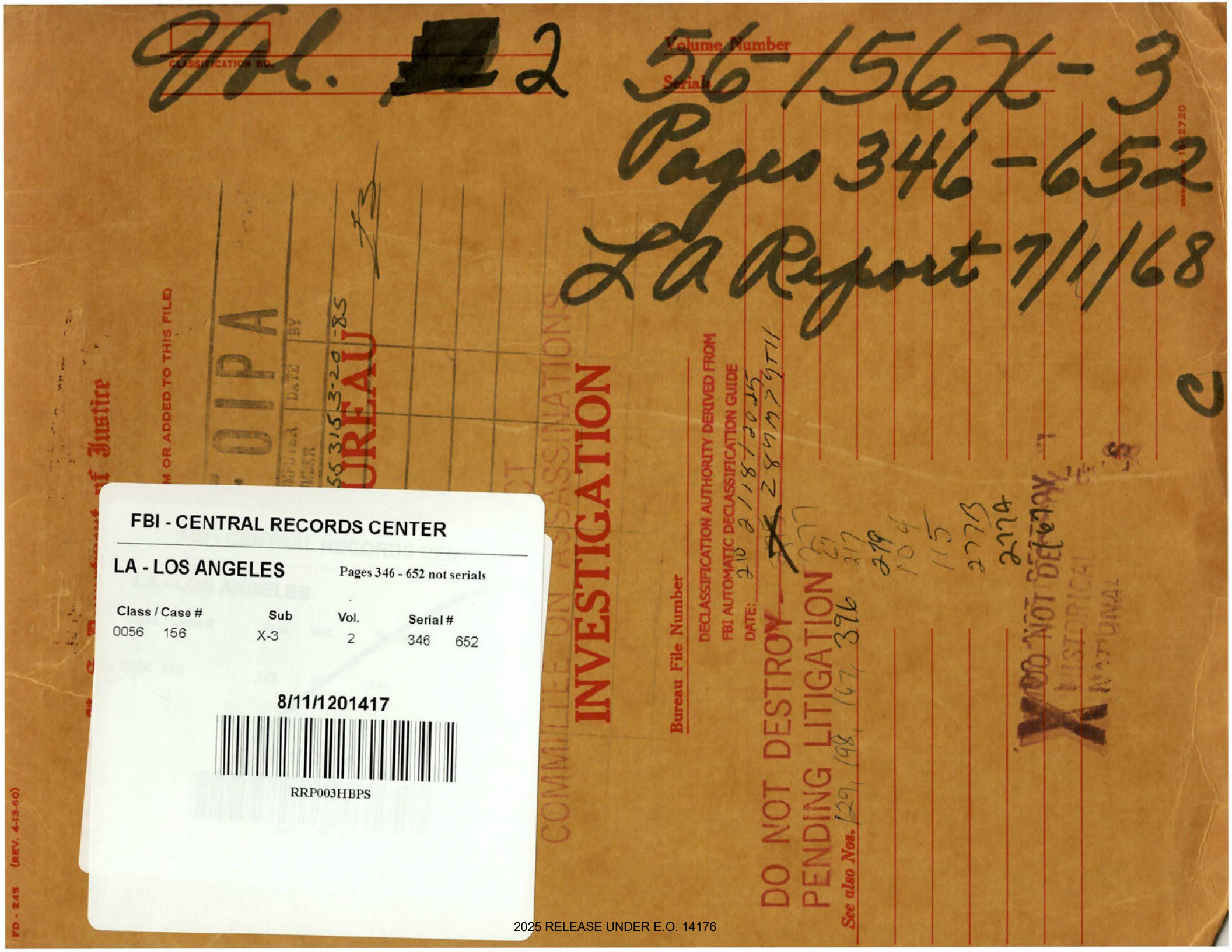


2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

LA 56-156
JOS/sro

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS OF
INDIVIDUALS IN AREA OF SHOOTING

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

RONALD T. BENNETT, 2508 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California, telephone 545-2614, who is employed as a staff photographer for United Press International (UPI), 1543 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 438, Los Angeles, California, telephone 387-7221, furnished the following information with respect to his observations and knowledge of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on June 5, 1968:

He was given the assignment on June 4, 1968 to take photographs of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and at approximately 10:00 p.m. that evening he went to the Ambassador Hotel. He parked his car in the rear parking lot of the hotel and entered the hotel by the north main entrance. He then proceeded to look at the ballroom and other areas in the hotel to determine the possible position of the Senator and camera angles he could photograph him from to his, BENNETT's, best advantage. He had a drink at the bar and then proceeded to the Fifth Floor, where the KENNEDY suite was located and met an associate UPI photographer named DAVE KENNERLY, who was also covering the KENNEDY rally. He advised that on the left side was Senator KENNEDY's private room while to the right was a larger room containing a bar and many people. He and KENNERLY then milled around and he, BENNETT, shot some photographs of KENNEDY in the larger room where the bar was located. He recalls also that GLENN FORD was in this room and he thinks he obtained several shots of FORD talking with Senator KENNEDY.

Senator KENNEDY then left the larger room and retired to his bedroom, so he, BENNETT, followed him to see where he could get a better photograph of KENNEDY alone. He observed Senator KENNEDY standing by a dresser mirror reading a newspaper, and catching glimpses of the television coverage of the primary election results. He then asked the Senator if he could shoot a picture in the mirror of him and the Senator replied, "No not in my bedroom for Pete's sake". At that time

---

On 6/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 347 -

by SA WILLIAM L. BOURQUE and SA DAVID H. COOK, DHC/mmc Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

one of the Senator's public relations men, named DICK TUCK, entered the room and berated BENNETT for attempting to photograph the Senator in his bedroom. TUCK then went into the hallway and made a joke of it to several of the other members of the press and photographers who were there.

He, BENNETT, waited in the hallway for approximately ten minutes for KENNEDY to leave his bedroom and go downstairs to the ballroom where the rally was taking place. KENNEDY did leave the bedroom and he proceeded toward the elevator. Since there was too large a crowd at that location for him to take any photographs, he and DAVE KENNERLY, who was with him at that time, ran down the stairs to try to get a photograph of Senator KENNEDY as he was disembarking from the elevator. He did not observe that the Senator disembarked from the elevator, but he noticed everyone who was downstairs, and also waiting for the Senator, leave the area and start toward the ballroom. He then recalls that someone said, "Here he comes.", referring to Senator KENNEDY and he observed the Senator approach the area of the ballroom.

BENNETT advised he was able to mount the platform directly behind ETHEL KENNEDY, while the rally was taking place. He took five or six photographs from that position with his wide angle 35mm Nikon, using Tri-X black and white negative film. He stated that one of these photographs was subsequently published as a UPI news photo.

Senator KENNEDY then made his speech and during this speech the pressures of the crowd kept shoving him into ETHEL KENNEDY and his camera jammed her in the back. She complained to several of the KENNEDY aides who were present and the next thing he knew, ROOSEVELT GRIER grabbed him from behind, placing one hand around his stomach, so as to prevent him from being pushed into Mrs. KENNEDY.

When Senator KENNEDY finished his speech, he proceeded to shake hands with several people in the crowd and signed some

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

autographs. He, BENNETT, thought that the Senator would leave the ballroom by going to his right, however, he left the area through some curtains, which were behind the podium. This led into the kitchen area and he, BENNETT, proceeded to follow as fast as he could. There were one or two individuals between himself and Senator KENNEDY as the group was making its way through the kitchen. Just as he, BENNETT, passed the metal doorway leading to the kitchen area, he heard what he later learned were five shots. At that time, he had the impression that firecrackers were going off. He does not recall the pattern of the shots that were fired, but they were very rapid. He does not recall seeing Senator KENNEDY fall to the ground, but as soon as he heard the shots being fired he, BENNETT, immediately dove to the floor. Directly to his right was a businessman, PAUL SCHRADE, who was struck in the head by one of the bullets. At that time he recalls seeing some greyish smoke in the air, but this was only an impression and he does not know specifically where the smoke came from. He then ducked behind a small doorway on the right side of the kitchen doorway, where he saw several people lying on the floor. He automatically started to shoot photographs of everything he saw.

He recalls he shot several photographs of Senator KENNEDY while the Senator was lying on the floor, and then he recalls he shot four or five photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. During this time, he also observed someone limping through the crowd and heard this individual say something, but he does not recall specifically what it was. He does not recall seeing Mrs. KENNEDY, however, upon observing some of the photographs that he shot she was in these photographs. He does recall her telling the crowd to move back and to give "him", referring to Senator KENNEDY, some air.

He then jumped up on the kitchen counter and took some photographs of the suspect from that angle. At that time SIRHAN still had a gun in one of his hands and several people seemed to be on top of him, either punching him or hitting him. PIERRE SALINGER then jumped up onto the counter

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

and pushed him off of it. He recalls that SALINGER was crying at the time and was very upset with him for shooting photographs of Senator KENNEDY and SIRHAN. SALINGER also became angry with a woman photographer, whom he knows only as VIRGINIA. He recalls VIRGINIA had one of the KENNEDY aides, name unrecalled, tell him, BENNETT, not to shoot any more pictures.

As SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was being removed from the kitchen area, he, BENNETT, shot some more photographs of him. At that time, one of the KENNEDY aides attempted to get the ambulance driver to throw him, BENNETT, out, evidently thinking that the ambulance driver was a policeman. He recalls seeing another photographer by the name of RICHARD DREW from the "Pasadena Star News" newspaper standing near him and they exchanged a few pleasantries the nature of which he does not recall.

At that time Senator KENNEDY was still on the floor and several people were about him. Several policemen were also on the scene and they started to block off the area, thereby isolating the Senator from the crowd. He, BENNETT, was able to barge through several policemen and retrieve his Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Office press pass, which had been knocked to the floor approximately two to three feet from Senator KENNEDY's outstretched legs, when he, BENNETT, was pushed from the counter by PIERRE SALINGER.

The ambulance drivers then began to remove Senator KENNEDY from the kitchen area, however, he did not wait to see the Senator placed in the ambulance, but instead ran to a telephone and called his office, telling his supervisor, GLEN WAGNER, what had occurred.

He then ran out to the rear parking lot of the Ambassador Hotel to look for his car, but he could not find it for five or ten minutes. When he got his car started, the police had the area barricaded, so he parked his car, leaving

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

some of his camera equipment in it, and then ran toward Eighth Street, which is the street directly to the south of the Ambassador Hotel, and after showing his press pass to a policeman was able to get through the barricaded area. He then stopped about three automobiles and asked the drivers for a ride, but no one would give him one, until three girls in a sportscar came along and consented to give him a ride to his office. A police car then pulled alongside them and he was able to ask them to give him a ride to his office. He climbed into the police car and they were about to proceed to his office, which is some distance from the Ambassador Hotel, when the policemen told him they could not leave the area. He then disembarked from the police car and found a pay telephone and was able to call his supervisor, GLEN WAGNER, and ask him to send someone to pick him up. At that time a taxicab came by, so he hung up the telephone and hailed the taxicab, and immediately proceeded to his office.

He recalls that he took a total of two and a half rolls of 35mm film, thirty six exposures of film to a roll, however, one of the rolls did not turn out due to an error in threading it while at the Ambassador Hotel. All the photographs were developed by HOWARD DECKER, who was then at the UPI office. BENNETT stated that all the photographs that appeared in the newspapers were UPI photographs taken by him and the negatives of these photographs were immediately forwarded to Mr. CLIFF MC DOWELL, Vice President, UPI Newspapers, 220 East 42nd Street, New York City.

BENNETT advised that the above information is true and correct to the best of his knowledge. He further advised that he does not recall seeing a young female caucasian in a polka dot dress at any time on June 4 or 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel, principally in the kitchen area, just before or after Senator KENNEDY was shot.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/12/68

HANS PETER BIDSTRUP advised that he is an Electrician in the Maintenance Department of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California, and resides at 1886 North Avenue, Los Angeles. He stated he was born on April 3, 1918, at Skorup, Denmark, and his wife is IRNA BIDSTRUP, who resides with him.

Mr. BIDSTRUP advised that he arrived on duty at the hotel at approximately 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 1968, and left the hotel at approximately midnight the same date. He stated that he left the hotel before the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and had no first hand knowledge of the happenings involved in this incident.

Mr. BIDSTRUP was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and asked if he had seen this individual prior to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. Concerning his knowledge in this respect, he furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 10, 1968

"I, Hans Peter Bidstrup, make the following voluntary free statement to John H. Borgman, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI.

"My name is Hans Peter Bidstrup. I was born on April 3, 1918 at Skorup, Denmark. I reside at 1886 North Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. I am employed as an electrician in the Maintainence Dept. of the Ambassador Hotel.

"On the night of June 4, 1968 I was the standby electrician in the sound booth at the Rafferty Party in the Venetian Room at the Ambassador Hotel. At about one hour before I went off duty, which would be about 11 p.m. a man wandered into the booth.

On 6/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 352 -

by SA JOHN H. BORGMAN/asi Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"He sat down on a spool of wire. He had a drink in his hand. I am not a drinking man, so I don't know what kind of a drink he had but it was clear with a milky white cast and had in it what appeared to be a piece of lime and a small red object which looked like a piece of red candy to me. It was round on one side and flat on the bottom.

"As best I can recall this man began the conversation by saying 'I'm a Democrat'. He asked me if I was a Democrat and I replied that I was. He then asked me what I was doing, or what my job was. I told him I was an electrician and possibly I went into a little detail as to what my duties were.

"Also, after I had told this man I was a Democrat he held out his hand and shook hands with me. He then inquired something to the effect as to whether Senator Kennedy was going to be at the hotel that night. I told him I thought he was. The man appeared to be drinking, he did not appear intoxicated, but drinking just enough to be talkative. For this reason I did not pay too much attention to the sequence of the conversation & cannot remember the exact words, for the most part, used by this individual.

"This man asked in what room or on what floor Kennedy was staying, when Kennedy was coming in or if Kennedy was then in the hotel. I don't remember that I knew at the time so I couldn't tell him. The man made some inquiry concerning Kennedy's security. I think it had to do with whether or not Kennedy had bodyguards. Although I'm not sure it was as direct as this but this is the impression I have recalling it now.

"While we were talking, a Los Angeles fireman in uniform came into the booth. The man stopped his conversation and seemed to take

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"particular attention of the fireman. He asked the fireman what he was doing or what his capacity was. The fireman explained to the man that he was a fireman and was there for crowd control and fire security. The man appeared to take less interest in the fireman after this.

"The fireman left shortly thereafter. The man also asked when Kennedy was going to come to the hotel. I did't know.

"The fireman left and returned a short time later, staying a few minutes & left again. It was about this time that the man left. About the same time as the fireman left. However, I don't recall if the two left together, or if the man left before or after the fireman.

"The sound booth was in an isolated section of the Venetian Room. The man came alone and did not meet anyone outside the booth and to the best of my knowledge was alone.

"The man who talked to me in the sound booth looks very much like the photo of Sirhan Sirhan shown to me by SA Borgman.

"I had, prior to the time that I talked to SA Borgman, seen pictures of Sirhan in the newspaper but the description of Sirhan in the newspaper stated Sirhan had an accent & the man I talked to had no accent. So, altho I was struck by the similarity between the newspaper photos of Sirhan and the man I talked to, because of the accent ascribed to Sirhan by the newspaper, I did not mention the incident to the authorities.

"The man I talked to in the sound booth in the Venetian Room I would describe as follows:

"male
Caucasian

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"about 22 years
5'6" to 5'7"
130 to 140 lbs.
slender build
no glasses
no moustache
dark curly hair; full head of hair
medium dark complexion
wearing no hat; faded dark blue sweatshirt
with a full zipper down the front and long
sleeves; shirt of unknown color under the
sweatshirt; blue denim trousers.
No noticeable accent.

"I have read the above 8 page statement and it is true to the best of my knowlege.

"/s/ Hans Bidstrup

"Witness: /s/ John H. Borgman, Spc. Agt. FBI, LA, Calif_ 6/10/68
"Witness: /s/ Robert E. Sage, Special Agent, FBI, L.A._ Calif. 6/10/68"

Mr. BIDSTRUP described the fireman who came into the sound booth at the Venetian Room while the above described individual was in the booth as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	30 years
Height	6'
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Possibly blond
Dress	Wearing uniform of Los Angeles Fire Department

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

ELMER M. BOOMHOWER, employee of the Ace Guard Service, Granada Hills, California, was interviewed at his residence, 10150 Collett Avenue, Granada Hills. He advised that he was on guard duty at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening of June 4, 1968, starting at 6:00 p.m. Prior to taking up a position on the fifth floor in the vicinity of the KENNEDY suite (the Presidential suite of the Ambassador) WILLIAM F. GARDNER, Security Officer of the Ambassador, had displayed to him an orange colored pamphlet with black lettering which bore the caption, "Kill KENNEDY." GARDNER then instructed him not to permit the passing of such pamphlets in the area where he, BOOMHOWER, was working on the fifth floor that evening. BOOMHOWER said he could not recall any other specific details concerning the pamphlet except that it had some kind of insignia indicating the source of the pamphlet.

BOOMHOWER also stated that among the persons he had permitted to enter the KENNEDY suite earlier on the evening of June 4, 1968, were the following CBS and newspaper men:

Mr. BRUNO
Mr. BARRY
Mr. TUCK
Mr. SMITH
Mr. DUTTON

He stated that possibly a Mr. DRAIN (phonetic) had also entered the suite. He said he was not aware whether any of these individuals were in the Embassy Room at the time that Mr. KENNEDY was shot in the early morning hours of June 5, 1968.

On 6/9/68 at Granada Hills, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA CARL R. SCHLATTER:jmk - 356 - Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/12/63

[redacted], 131 South Hoover Street, Los Angeles, was interviewed at this location and furnished the following information:

She is sixteen years of age, having been born March 29, 1952, at Santa Monica, California. At approximately 3:30 p.m. on the evening of June 4, 1963, she arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, accompanied by her girl friend, [redacted], 1175 South Windsor Boulevard, Los Angeles, for the purpose of attending a celebration for Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, candidate in the California Presidential primary.

As [redacted] was standing near a metal bar (serving alcoholic beverages) toward the rear of the southwest portion of the ballroom, she became aware of a male individual standing immediately behind her, less than one foot away. Although she did not look this individual directly in the face, she observed his face by looking in a mirror approximately four feet in front of her behind the bar. [redacted] noted that she and this individual were the only ones in the immediate area, and she thought it odd that he would stand so close to her. [redacted] believes that this man stood behind her for between four to five minutes. During the entire four or five minutes, she observed this man in the mirror. She felt a hard object brush against her right hip, approximately waist high, and feels that this object was either a belt buckle or something in the man's pocket. At this point, [redacted] stated, "Would you please move?," and the man replied only, "Yes," in a nervous voice and walked toward the east side of the ballroom, disappearing from [redacted] sight.

[redacted] advised that she has mentioned the above individual to [redacted] and that [redacted] told her that she did not see the man. [redacted] further noted that the bartender at the nearby bar had gone to get some Coke for

---

On 6/10/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 357 -

by SA RICHARD J. RAYSA/eb Date dictated 6/12/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

the Coca Cola machine, otherwise she would have requested the bartender to ask the above male individual to move away from her.

[redacted] recalled that this male individual was approximately the same height as herself, namely 5'5", and that his overall appearance was unkempt and out of place at the hotel. She could not recall the man's dress, other than that his clothing was light colored; that he was not wearing a sport or suit type coat, and that his shirt was open at the collar.

[redacted] indicated that she had seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN displayed by the news media and she believes the individual she observed at the hotel very closely resembles these photographs of SIRHAN.

[redacted] further described the above individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Complexion	Dark
Age	Middle to late 20s
Height	5'5"
Weight	140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, medium length and wavy
Eyes	Brown
Voice	Medium tone and nervous

On June 11, 1963, [redacted] was shown glossy photographs of SIRHAN, including a Los Angeles Police Department mug photograph taken June 5, 1963, and a left profile view of SIRHAN taken sometime after the shooting of KENNEDY on June 5, 1963. After viewing these photographs, [redacted] again advised that the individual she observed at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, very closely resembles the photographs of SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

[redacted] noted that she and her girl friend, [redacted] left the hotel between 10:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. arriving home at approximately 11:00 p.m. and did not further observe the above described individual at the hotel.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. RICHARD EDWARD DREW, 10158 Lynrose Street, Temple City, California, telephone 447-4556, furnished the following information:

He is currently employed as a Staff Photographer for the Independent Star News, 525 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California. He was assigned as a photographer to cover the KENNEDY function at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

He took no photographs of the actual shooting of Senator KENNEDY or of suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN. His photographs taken at the scene were made immediately after the shooting occurred. He recalled seeing suspect SIRHAN SIRHAN struggling with several people immediately after the shooting, but he can not, of his own recollection, identify SIRHAN as the individual who did the shooting or as the individual struggling with members of the crowd around KENNEDY after the shooting.

He recalled seeing the individual later identified as suspect SIRHAN, struggling with several people, two of whom were ROOSEVELT GRIER and RAFER JOHNSON. He did not take photographs of the struggle inasmuch as the light was not sufficient for his photography and he was concentrating on photographs of Senator KENNEDY.

Mr. DREW made available three copies of photographs taken of Senator KENNEDY immediately after the shooting. Mr. DREW stated that the negatives of these particular shots are being retained by the paper on the advice of counsel, and copies of additional shots made at the same time will be made available in the near future.

Mr. DREW was unable to recall the exact time that the above photographs were taken. He remembered that the shooting occurred shortly after midnight on June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. After he arrived at the hotel and went to the Embassy

---

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WILLIE R. WHITE/sdb - 360 - Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Room he scouted the area in an effort to determine the entrance and exits which Senator KENNEDY might utilize. He decided that the most logical exit and entrance would be from the kitchen area into the Embassy Room.

He recalled seeing HAL FILAN and WALLY FONG of the local office of Associated Press in the Embassy Room. He does not recall seeing them in the kitchen area where the Senator was shot.

He recalled that Senator KENNEDY came on to the podium in the Embassy Room for a speech. Mr. DREW took photographs of KENNEDY from the stage. Mr. DREW then left the stage and went behind the podium into a hallway and down to a small room. He was looking for a sandwich at the time. He recalled that this might have been a press room. He found a sandwich and then went back out into the Embassy Room. He went around the room to the television stands behind the crowd and took some additional pictures. He then went into the kitchen area and asked for water. He got a glass and filled it with ice from the ice machine. He recalls standing in the kitchen talking with Reporter BORIS YARO of the Los Angeles Times. During the time he spent in the kitchen looking for water, he recalled that he walked almost to the back of the kitchen and then returned to stand with YARO near the entrance of the kitchen. They heard that Senator KENNEDY was coming off the podium. At this time, he handed his glass of water to one of several KENNEDY girls that were standing inside the entrance to the kitchen area so that he could be ready to take photographs. Senator KENNEDY came into the kitchen area and passed Mr. YARO, and then approached DREW. Senator KENNEDY smiled and passed Mr. DREW who followed him. Mr. DREW's next impression was of a "movement of people in the far end of the kitchen." He heard a noise similar to a firecracker and then saw smoke. He looked up and "saw an arm with a gun pointed at me." He ducked. Mr. DREW recalled that after he saw the smoke he noticed Senator KENNEDY's head sink.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He remembered hearing two shots, then a pause and then three more shots. There may have been more shots, but this was his impression at the time. Immediately thereafter, people began pushing DREW back and he saw others lowering Senator KENNEDY to the floor. The coat he was wearing was splashed with drops of blood. At this point, he realized he was a photographer and began taking photographs. He recalls taking some photographs from the top of a nearby serving table. He recalled that some other photographer took a photograph which showed Mr. DREW on the serving table taking photographs.

Mr. DREW stated that he is retaining his sport coat in a safe condition and with the blood spots still on it in the event that it is needed at some future time by the authorities.

Mr. DREW did not see the Police Officers taking suspect SIRHAN out of the area as during this period he was looking for a phone to call his newspaper. He recalled that originally he mentioned that he thought the suspect was dressed in some type of blue jump suit, however, upon further reflection he believes that he was mistaken. He apparently received this impression of a blue jump suit because he thought the suspect's clothes were all one color and possibly bluish.

Mr. DREW took no photograph in the kitchen prior to the shooting and he stated that he did not recall seeing suspect SIRHAN or any woman in a polka dot dress in the kitchen prior to the shooting. He did not recall seeing a woman in a polka dot dress in the kitchen after the shooting.

He recalled seeing Reporter RON BENNETT of United Press International in the kitchen after the shooting, but he can not say if BENNETT was present when the shooting occurred.

Subsequent to the shooting, he and BORIS YARO proceeded to the home address of suspect SIRHAN and took a number of photographs. He recalled that YARO discovered what appeared to be a .22 caliber spent slug in a trash box at the back of the house.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

It was left there for the Police. Mr. DREW recalled pointing the items out to a Police Officer who picked it up. Mr. DREW recalled that he also took a photograph of a bullet found in the garage at the house which was being placed in a bag by a Policeman.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

Mr. ALBERT VICTOR ELLIS, 842 South Berendo, Los Angeles, California, telephone 386-8322, was interviewed at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, and he furnished the following information:

He was born April 23, 1939 at Cortland, New York. His Social Security Number is [redacted] He is employed by R. A. Watt, Incorporated, Gardena, California.

He is a roommate of JOHN SHAMEL, the Convention Manager for the Ambassador Hotel.

On June 4, 1968, he was in the Embassy Room of the hotel with SHAMEL. He was also at various other locations with SHAMEL in the hotel on June 4, 1968.

He and SHAMEL were together in the Embassy Room when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY completed his victory speech and he observed Senator KENNEDY leaving the platform and going out of the Embassy Room through the door to the rear of the platform. When Senator KENNEDY left the platform, he and SHAMEL walked out of the Embassy Room through the front doors of the Embassy Room, towards the lobby and as they were exiting the room, Mr. UNO TIMANSON, one of the Vice Presidents of the hotel, came running out and told SHAMEL to call a doctor.

SHAMEL departed to call a doctor and he, ELLIS, returned to the Embassy Room to the platform area. As he got to the platform area, he observed a lady being carried into the Embassy Room and noticed she had a head wound.

When he was returning to the platform area in the Embassy Room, he believes he heard a female voice state "We shot him". He assumed at the time this person meant we the people were the cause of the Senator being shot and therefore, "We shot him." ELLIS advised he did not see this individual, but only heard the voice and could not recall any unusual tone to the voice.

On 6/14/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA ROBERT F. PICKARD/mmc - 364 - Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He left the Embassy Room shortly after hearing this individual and he went out into the lobby of the hotel where numerous people were milling around and talking about the shooting. He heard several other people in the audience state something to the effect "We shot him." and from the other conversations he was able to determine that they meant that the people were the cause of Senator KENNEDY being shot and it was in this context that they said, "We shot him."

ELLIS stated that while he was touring the hotel with SHAMEL during the evening of June 4, 1968, he noticed that there were quite a few shoddily dressed individuals in the hotel.

On June 5, 1968, he saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's photograph in the newspaper, and he immediately recalled having seen SIRHAN in the Embassy Room at approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968. He was unable to describe the clothing that SIRHAN had on at the time, but only recalls he did not fit in with other individuals in the room. He believes SIRHAN had on some sort of dungarees and a jacket. At the time he observed SIRHAN, SIRHAN was standing alone. He did not notice anyone else in SIRHAN's company.

He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he advised that SIRHAN is the individual he observed in the Embassy Room at approximately 10:00 p.m. on June 4, 1968.

ELLIS stated he does not recall having seen any woman in a polka dot dress or wearing a piece of clothing with a polka dot design at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 or 5, 1968.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

ELLIS advised he did not hear the shooting at the hotel just after midnight on June 5, 1968, and was not aware that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and others had been shot until he heard it being discussed by the people in the hotel.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/20/68

1

DAVID MARK ESQUITH was interviewed concerning his knowledge as to why ROBERT F. KENNEDY, after speaking to those gathered in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, apparently changed his plans as to the direction of his exit from the podium, and left the stage at a point different from that where he entered.

He stated he was standing at the foot of the stairs on the right side of the stage, as one faces the stage, when ROBERT F. KENNEDY entered the Embassy Room, and as KENNEDY started up the stairs onstage, he, ESQUITH, reached out and shook hands with Senator KENNEDY, saying "Congratulations", or something to that effect. KENNEDY made some brief reply, such as "Thank You, son", and continued onto the stage.

During Senator KENNEDY's speech, ESQUITH stood at the foot of the stairs up which Senator KENNEDY had gone.

He said he had not known from which direction KENNEDY planned to enter the room until he actually entered the room. He said JIM LOWE was very deeply involved in the KENNEDY campaign organization and had apparently been in on some of the planning for the Senator's appearance. LOWE, he believed, had done some coordinating work between the KENNEDY group on the fifth floor and the people waiting in the Embassy Room.

It was ESQUITH's recollection that LOWE was in the KENNEDY party as that party mounted the stage, but he did not know at what point LOWE had joined the KENNEDY group. About a minute or two before Senator KENNEDY concluded his speech, someone, ESQUITH believed LOWE, told him Senator KENNEDY was going to exit from the left rear of the stage, as one faces the stage, and go through the kitchen area, rather than have to try to fight his way back through the huge crowd in the Embassy Room. He said there was so much confusion he is not even sure it was LOWE who told him this. The reason he was told, according to ESQUITH, was because he and other KENNEDY workers

---

On 6/15/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 367 -

by SA W. JAMES WOOD/pih Date dictated 6/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

had taken it upon themselves to try to clear a path for the Senator's entry and exit, and he was in no position to get to the rear of the stage to attempt to clear a path there.

ESQUITH said he was not told, and does not know for sure what the original exit plans were, but assumes they were different than those which were eventually worked out, because LOWE, or whoever talked to him about this, indicated the exit to the left and rear was a change in plans. He said he does not know who told LOWE about this change in plans, if, in fact, it was LOWE who had passed this information on to him.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. EDWARD P. ESSERTIER, Editor, Independent Star-News, 525 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena, California, furnished a copy of the original notes by Reporter LARRY PALMER. These notes by PALMER were made during his phone conversation with the newspaper Staff Photographer RICHARD EDWARD DREW, who called in to PALMER information about the shooting of ROBERT F. KENNEDY. The call was made by DREW a few minutes after the shooting from the Ambassador Hotel. The first page attached designated No. 1 are the original rough notes by PALMER. Pages two and three attached are the rewritten notes by PALMER, which were published. Pages two and three were dictated 2 AM, June 5, 1968, to Associated Press. Page four attached hereto is the actual article based on DREW's information which appeared in the Independent Star-News, June 5, 1968.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 369 -

by SA WILLIE R. WHITE/sdb Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

(1)

larry/df/drew

He had just finished speaking and was being ushered through the kitchchhen by his aides when five shots were fired from in the crowd. Sen. Kennedy slumped backward and was eased backward by the the crowd around him.

He lay, without a crowd around him, as the gunman was grabbed by Rafer Johnson.

The man was wearing a blue jump suit, and I saw his arm come out and I saw a gun. I ducked and got out of the way. Ther we e two shots, a half a second pause and three more shots.

Roosevelt Grier and Johnson were there and the guards were trying grappling with the gunman tr ing to disarm him.

There were at least a dozen person around him.

Lying on floor, peo ple came over please get a doctor, please get a doctor. Police ambulance came. All aids screaming and pushing everyone out of the way.

Barracades went up smith also shot in kitchen stream of blood from back of kennedy on floor. was flowing out like water.

blood on drew's coat. kennedy shot first, then smith 50 in kitchen at time of shooting. taken service elevator shaking---

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

DICT AP 6-5-68 0208 (2)

larry/rew/drew

kennedy 4 jun

By RICHARD DREW

©1968 Pasadena Independent Star-News

(Sen. Kennedy) (making his victory speech) had just finished and was being ushered through the kitchen by his aides when I saw an arm come out of the crowd. It was holding a gun.

As soon as I saw the gun--it was pointing right at me for a second--I ducked and tried to get out of the way.

Just then I heard two shots, then there was a half second pause, and then three more.

As I looked up Sen. Kennedy started to fall back and then was lowered to the floor by his aides. There were about 50 of us in the kitchen when the shots were fired, mostly Kennedy men and the press.

For a few seconds everyone stood back not getting too close to him. It was about then that I saw another man (illegible) lying on the ground.

At almost that instant people began to close in around the bodies and someone started screaming. "Get a doctor, please get a doctor," that was all I could hear over the yelling and crying.

Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier grabbed a man in a blue jump suit and they and about a half dozen guards began grappling with him trying to disarm him.

Kennedy was still lying on the floor and there was blood all over him, it was flowing from him like water. Finally some doctors came into the kitchen--along with a huge group of

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

supporters--and began tryin, to treat him while they waited for the ambulance. Someone in the crowd gave him a rosary and he clutched it in his hands.

The crowd in the kitchen ~~xxxxxxx~~ kept growing and finally Kennedy's ~~xxxxx~~ aides had to begin screaming and pushing to get people away from the senator.

Special guards set up barricades all round the area, and no one was allowed in or out. Finally a police ambulance arrived and Kennedy was lifted on to a ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ stretcher and they started carrying him out as the other man was put on a ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Kitchen table.

The two of them were taken out of the hotel in a service elevator and he put in a police ambulance. That was the last I saw of either of them.

As a momentary calm came over most of the newsmen and photograpers in the room we ~~xxxxxx~~ began shaking and searching for words--it was then that I ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ found I had blood on my coat, apparently I was standing ~~xxxx~~ so close to him that it splattered on me when he was shot.

30

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

'I Saw an Arm—Holding a Gun'

By RICHARD DREW
Staff Writer

Copyright, 1968, Indianapolis Star-News

Sen. Kennedy had just finished his victory speech and was being ushered through the kitchen by his aides when I saw an arm come out of the crowd. It was holding a gun.

As soon as I saw the gun — it was pointing right at me for a second — I ducked and tried to get out of the way.

Just then I heard two shots, then there was a half second pause, and three more shots.

As I looked up, Sen. Kennedy started to fall back and then was lowered to the floor by his aides. There were about 50 of us in the kitchen when the shots were fired, mostly Kennedy men and the press.

For a few seconds everyone stood back, not getting too close to him. It was about then that I saw another man lying on the ground.

At almost that instant people began to close in around the bodies and someone started screaming. "Get a doctor, please get a doctor." That was all I could hear over the yelling and crying.

Rafer Johnson and Roosevelt Grier grabbed a man in a blue jump suit, and they and about a half dozen guards began grappling with him trying to disarm him.

Kennedy was still lying on the floor, and there was blood all over him. It was flowing from him like water. Finally some doctors came into the kitchen — along with a huge group of supporters — and began trying to treat him while they waited for the ambulance.

Someone in the crowd handed him a rosary and he clutched it in his hand.

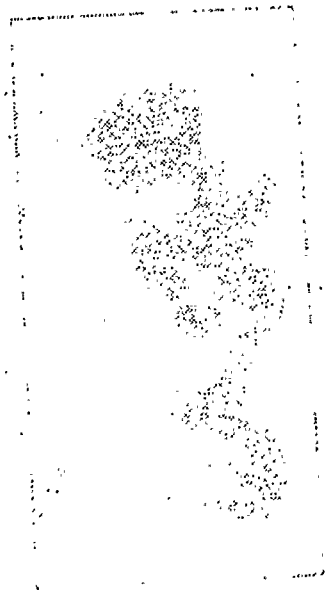
The crowd in the kitchen kept growing and finally Kennedy's aides had to begin screaming and pushing to get people away from the senator.

Special guards set up barricades all around the area, and no one was allowed in or out. Finally a police ambulance arrived, and Kennedy was lifted onto a stretcher, and they started carrying him out as the other man was put on a kitchen table.

The two of them were taken out of the hotel in a service elevator and put in a police ambulance. That was the last I saw of either of them.

As a momentary calm came over most of the newsmen and photographers in the room, we began shaking and searching for words — it was then I found I had blood on my coat.

I was standing so close to him that it splattered on me when he was shot.



RICHARD DREW
. . . on the scene

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

1

ANNIE GANI, 237 South Palm Drive, Beverly Hills, California (telephone 274-9795), advised that she is presently employed at the Letters and Science Department at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), telephone number 478-9711, extension 3561. She also advised that she is part-time employee in the office of Congressman REESE.

GANI advised that she has worked as a part-time employee at the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, 5615 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, during the Democratic primary campaign. She stated that in the past she has taken photographs in Campaign Headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard. She stated that she gave these photographs to college students who had worked at Campaign Headquarters.

GANI advised that she was present at the Ambassador Hotel on election night, June 4, 1968, when Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. She noted, however, that she was in the press area when the shooting occurred, and stated that she was not a witness to the events that occurred prior to, during or after the assassination. GANI related that she had no further information of value to relate and pointed out that she has made an attempt to recall any events that occurred prior to the assassination which might now be of value. She noted, however, that she can recall no pertinent information or events.

GANI was located and interviewed as a result of contact with LUCY SALINGER, a press room secretary at KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, Los Angeles, who had advised that she had seen GANI take photographs of workers at the campaign headquarters. However, GANI explained that the photographs were taken at random of students with whom she worked, doing volunteer work for the KENNEDY cause. She advised that she has since given the pictures away to various students, and noted that the only significance of the photographs is the interest of the students who are shown therein.

On 6/12/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

-374-

by SA IRVIN B. WELLS, III/mlb Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

RAFER LEWIS JOHNSON, 5470 West Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone No. 294-1270, furnished the following information to SAs JAMES CAGNASSOLA, JR., and JAMES W. WOOD of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

JOHNSON arrived at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 8 PM, on June 4, 1968. JOHNSON met two personal friends and escorted them to the Embassy Room in the Ambassador Hotel. At 8:30-8:45 PM, JOHNSON went to the suite of rooms occupied by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his staff which were located on the fifth floor of the hotel. Upon arrival at the suite, he spoke with BILL BARRY, Senator KENNEDY's bodyguard. JOHNSON asked BARRY when the Senator was going downstairs to make a speech, but BARRY could not supply this information at that time. JOHNSON told BARRY to let him know when the Senator planned to leave. JOHNSON waited in the KENNEDY suite and spoke with Mrs. ETHEL KENNEDY and other friends.

At approximately 11 PM, Senator KENNEDY went to the fourth floor of the hotel and was interviewed on television. Immediately thereafter he returned to the fifth floor and was interviewed in a television studio which was set up on that floor. JOHNSON accompanied KENNEDY during the interview. Senator KENNEDY returned to his suite approximately at 11:20 PM and at that time JOHNSON left the group and visited with his friends in the Embassy Room.

JOHNSON explained that entry into the Embassy Room was restricted to people who had passes. He recalled that the "press" had green passes and that the KENNEDY staff and possibly campaign workers were issued red passes. There also may have been other colored passes in use. Security guards were stationed at the main entrance to the Embassy Room. He recalls that there was an entrance to this room on the south side which was being used by the major television networks. There were no guards on this door.

On 6/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 375 -

by SA JAMES W. WOOD and SA JAMES CAGNASSOLA, JR./JC/sdb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

After completing his visit in the Embassy Room, JOHNSON returned to the fifth floor at 11:40-11:45 PM, and asked BILL BARRY when the Senator would go downstairs. Since BARRY did not know the time of departure, JOHNSON joined the other guests in the KENNEDY suite.

At midnight or shortly afterwards the KENNEDY party, consisting of approximately 30 people began to leave the suite. The group included Senator KENNEDY, ETHEL KENNEDY, JESSE UNRUH, "TUCK" (complete name unknown), ROOSEVELT GRIER, Mr. (FNU) WILSON of CBS, "STAN" (LNU) of Look Magazine, and BILL EPPRIDGE (phonetic) of Life Magazine. The party also consisted of other newsmen, camera men and writers whose identity are unknown.

Senator KENNEDY left his suite in the company of BARRY and JOHNSON. The group walked down the hallway to the right from the Senator's room and turned in the first corridor to the right. They waited for an elevator, however, when it arrived it was occupied by other passengers. Senator KENNEDY got onto the elevator and then immediately got off since he realized that there was not sufficient space to accommodate his party. The KENNEDY party then moved to another elevator on the same floor and Senator KENNEDY also got on it and left this elevator for the same reason as stated above. Thereafter the KENNEDY party went around the corner and turned left and were proceeding in the direction of the freight elevator. JOHNSON recalls that the elevator operator who was wearing an unrecalled uniform was standing near the elevator door. He is not certain who decided to take this elevator, however, he did not think that it was strange that a freight elevator would be used since most of the people in the KENNEDY party had used this elevator previously. JOHNSON could not furnish any description of the elevator operator other than to say he was not a Negro male.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

When the party entered the elevator, JOHNSON recalls seeing Senator KENNEDY, ETHEL KENNEDY, JESSE UNRUH, BILL BARRY and ROOSEVELT GRIER. He does not know who instructed the elevator operator to take them to a specific floor. When the elevator stopped and the doors opened JOHNSON observed that they were in the kitchen or serving area of the hotel and he presumed that it was the same floor where Senator KENNEDY was to make his speech.

JOHNSON does not remember who was off the elevator first, but it may have been the men from Life and Look Magazines. BARRY was leading Senator KENNEDY. JOHNSON was following behind the Senator and ROOSEVELT GRIER with Mrs. KENNEDY was behind him. After leaving the elevator Senator KENNEDY stopped when a man dressed in a white uniform,presumably a kitchen worker,reached across the table to shake his hand. JOHNSON moved toward this individual and raised his arm to keep him away. The Senator reached across JOHNSON's arm and shook hands with this man. Senator KENNEDY then moved approximately 15 feet ahead and shook hands with a white female who was dressed in a white uniform. The Senator then moved ahead five feet and greeted another male kitchen worker. The Senator may have also shaken hands with a fourth kitchen employee. JOHNSON is unable to recognize any of the men who shook hands with Senator KENNEDY but said he could recognize the woman employee.

When Senator KENNEDY finished shaking hands with the kitchen employees, BARRY led him to the Embassy Room. The hallway or corridor which the group was walking through was very crowded with television cameras, KENNEDY workers and KENNEDY staff members. The Senator was walking ahead of the group with BARRY. JOHNSON and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE PLIMPTON became separated from the Senator because some member of a CBS camera crew was pulling a cable in the corridor and blocked their passage for a few moments.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

JOHNSON observed Senator KENNEDY enter the Embassy Room through a door way which was crowded with people. He then proceeded on to the stage. JOHNSON recalls that the stage was surrounded by a curtain and that if the stage was viewed from the center of the ballroom, Senator KENNEDY would have entered the right side of the stage. During this time BARRY and JOHNSON were standing together and he questioned BARRY as to how the Senator planned to leave the stage upon the conclusion of the speech. BARRY indicated that the exit would be made the same way as they previously entered the stage. Shortly before the end of KENNEDY's speech, BARRY moved towards the Senator. Senator KENNEDY turned from the podium and started towards the side of the stage by which he had previously entered. Senator KENNEDY paused for a moment and then turned to the opposite direction (left side of stage). JOHNSON could not see whether the Senator continued to the far left of the stage, but did notice that his direction of travel was slightly towards the rear. JOHNSON realized that the Senator was leaving the stage by a different way and attempted to reach him but because of the crowd he could not move forward. JOHNSON, in the company of Mrs. PLIMPTON, walked to the back of the stage (right side) near the corridor and joined Senator KENNEDY as he walked past. JOHNSON is unaware as to why KENNEDY left the stage in a different direction.

As Senator KENNEDY walked past JOHNSON, he noticed that BARRY and unrecalled other individuals were in front of the Senator. Between Senator KENNEDY and JOHNSON, who were approximately five feet apart, there was a camera man and a sound man, identities unknown. JOHNSON and Mrs. PLIMPTON continued to follow Senator KENNEDY through a darkened area and at a point, three or four feet from an opened double doorway with a divider in the center, JOHNSON heard a sound which reminded him of a bursting balloon. A second or two later, JOHNSON heard a second similar sound and looking in the direction where he assumed the Senator should have been, he saw smoke and fragments of paper in the air. The area in front of JOHNSON was brightly lit possibly by camera lights. After hearing the second noise, JOHNSON immediately assumed that these noises were gunshots. JOHNSON immediately moved forward pushing

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

people aside. Due to the great number of people in the area forward movement was seriously impaired. As he passed through the open double doors he saw BARRY hit and push a white male who was standing on the floor in front of him (JOHNSON) but slightly to the right. JOHNSON continued to push forward and observed a wounded man lying on the floor in front of the doorway. He saw blood on this person's forehead and also thought that he saw a bullet hole in the top of his head. JOHNSON then observed Senator KENNEDY lying on the floor in the same area. The Senator was lying on his back in an almost flat position but looked as if he was struggling to get up. His left arm was on the floor, his right arm moved from a down position beside his head through an arch and down to his side. JOHNSON saw blood on the floor beneath the right side of Senator KENNEDY's head. He also saw blood on the right side of KENNEDY's head below the ear and extending down the right cheek and down the right side of his chest. Senator KENNEDY looked at JOHNSON and they stared at each other for a moment.

JOHNSON was then deciding whether to assist the Senator or proceed towards BARRY who was attempting to subdue the white male who JOHNSON assumed had been firing the gun. He approached this individual and observed that he was still holding a gun in his hand. JOHNSON does not recall if the gun was being held in the right or left hand. Other unrecalled individuals were trying to seize the weapon and at this time the assailant was pushed back against a table. JOHNSON lunged at the man and grasped the front part of the gun with his left hand. ROOSEVELT GRIER had the butt end of the gun in his hand. The assailant still had his finger in the trigger housing. GRIER twisted the gun from this individual's hands and at the same time JOHNSON tightly held this person's body. JOHNSON then turned towards Senator KENNEDY and saw that BARRY was now at his side.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

At the same time that JOHNSON was holding the assailant, ROOSEVELT GRIER was holding the man around the waist and by the left leg. GEORGE PLIMPTON was holding the man's right arm and was holding his right side. A hotel employee, who JOHNSON described as having a fair complexion with a sunburn, was holding the assailant around the neck. Another hotel employee who appeared to be an Italian or Armenian was also holding this individual. At this time a male voice said, "Let me have the gun. Let go ROSIE", (meaning ROOSEVELT GRIER.). "Let go RAFER." JOHNSON then shouted to this individual who was speaking, "shut up". JOHNSON then shouted to GRIER, "ROSIE let me have the gun." The male voice then said, "Let RAFER have the gun." JOHNSON then repeated to GRIER, "ROSIE give me the gun", and GRIER complied with his request. JOHNSON placed the gun in his left pocket and released his grip on the assailant. JOHNSON remained next to this man and while he was standing there said to this individual "Why did you do it?" The man did not answer. JOHNSON, moving his face directly in front of the assailant and looking directly into his eyes repeated "Why did you do it?" The man did not respond. JOHNSON then clenched his fist and placed the back of his fist on the assailant's forehead. JOHNSON then repeated, "Why did you do it?" The assailant answered "I'll explain it." The assailant did not speak any other words while he was in JOHNSON's presence. Several minutes later, JOHNSON observed two uniformed Police Officers approaching and he left the assailant and moved to where Senator KENNEDY was laying. Two men with a stretcher were with the Senator and ETHEL KENNEDY said to them "Don't move him. Don't lift him". JOHNSON heard the Senator say "no don't." The Senator was then placed on the stretcher and taken to the freight elevator. JOHNSON stood guard at the elevator door and only allowed the KENNEDY family and a few other people to enter the elevator. JOHNSON wanted to remain with the Senator so he ran from the kitchen area into the lobby and took the nearest elevator to the fifth floor where he assumed Senator KENNEDY would be taken. Since he did not find the Senator on the fifth floor, he returned to the ground floor of the hotel and found the area where the ambulances were parked. He then learned that the Senator was taken to the

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

hospital and he with Deputy Mayor QUINN went to Central Receiving Hospital in QUINN's automobile. At the hospital, Police Officers allowed him to enter at QUINN's direction and he saw Senator KENNEDY. While in the hospital a Police Officer asked JOHNSON for the assailant's gun and JOHNSON denied that he had the weapon. He then saw two men whom he recognized as Police Detectives. JOHNSON told these men that he had the assailant's gun and asked if Chief THOMAS REDDIN was at the hospital. One of the detectives told JOHNSON that REDDIN was not present, but that they would take possession of the gun. JOHNSON informed the detectives that he would only surrender the gun at Police Headquarters. The detectives thereafter transported JOHNSON to Good Samaritan Hospital and accompanied him to the floor where Senator KENNEDY was being treated. The same detectives then drove him to the Los Angeles Police Department Headquarters and at this time JOHNSON surrendered the gun. The gun was given to Sergeant CALKINS and Sergeant MC GANN who are assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department Detective Bureau, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, California.

JOHNSON said that the assailant's gun was a revolver, black in color with brown grips. The barrel of the gun was approximately four inches long. JOHNSON was unable to recall the caliber of this weapon.

JOHNSON stated that he has seen photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the newspaper and on television and SIRHAN is the same person who he helped to subdue following the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and others on June 5, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel. JOHNSON is certain that he did not see SIRHAN in the hotel or elsewhere prior to the time he helped to subdue him.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

JOHNSON does not recall seeing a woman wearing a white dress with polka dots either prior to or after the shooting. He did not see anyone run from the kitchen area after the shooting occurred.

He explained that the kitchen or serving area was very crowded and that when the first shots were heard people immediately fell to the floor or attempted to hide to keep out of the line of fire.

JOHNSON said that he is certain that he heard at least four shots. The first shot was followed one or two seconds later by a second shot. The second shot was followed by a "string of shots", exact number unrecalled. No shots were fired while JOHNSON was attempting to seize the assailant's gun.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/15/68

DAVE KENNERLY, 876 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, Apartment A, Manhattan Beach, California, telephone 379-4227, who is employed as a staff photographer for United Press International (UPI), 1543 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 438, Los Angeles, California, telephone 387-7221, furnished the following information with respect to his knowledge of the events of June 4 and 5, 1968 at the Ambassador Hotel, where Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot.

On June 4, 1968, he was assigned to shoot photographs of Senator KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel, so he proceeded there at approximately 10:00 p.m. and parked in the red zone in front of the hotel, facing Wilshire Boulevard. He then entered the front door of the hotel and proceeded to look over the ballroom and all the areas where he thought the KENNEDY party might be. After looking over the ballroom he proceeded to the Fifth Floor, where the KENNEDY suite was located and where a private press party involving thirty or forty key members of the press was in progress. He had two or three beers with another photographer, ONDINE VAUGHN, from Screen Gems Productions in Los Angeles. While there he took several photographs of Senator KENNEDY in the hallway and coming out of his private room, which was located adjacent to the larger party room, where the party was taking place. He recalls seeing ETHEL KENNEDY and several of the KENNEDY children present in the party room.

Senator KENNEDY then proceeded to the Fourth Floor where National Broadcasting Company had some television cameras set up. The Senator then proceeded back to the Fifth Floor where Columbia Broadcasting System and American Broadcasting Company had similar setups. He made television statements at each of these locations. KENNERLY advised he followed Senator KENNEDY when the Senator made his television statements. KENNERLY then went to the main ballroom and obtained a vantage point near the television cameras, which were set up there to record the rally and the speech later made by the Senator.

On 6/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WILLIAM L. BOURQUE and SA DAVID H. COOK, DHC/mmc - 383 - Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

From that point, he shot many photographs of the crowd and the Senator as he was making his speech and greeting the public. Just before the speech ended, he, KENNERLY, proceeded to the downstairs ballroom where he knew another rally was going to take place. There were many people downstairs and a band. He waited approximately ten minutes and then he heard rumblings in the crowd that the Senator had been shot. He also heard a call requesting a doctor. He then went outside and observed an ambulance leaving the hotel. Since his automobile was parked in a good position to leave the Ambassador Hotel, he was able to leave the area just as it was being blocked off. He followed the ambulance to the Central Receiving Hospital, 1401 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles and observed several photographers who were already on the scene when he arrived. He was able to obtain several photographs of Senator KENNEDY as he was being removed from the ambulance. A short time thereafter, as Senator KENNEDY was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital, he was able to take some more photographs of him.

He advised that all of his photographs were carried by messenger to his Los Angeles UPI office, and thereafter the negatives were forwarded to UPI headquarters in New York City. He advised copies of these negatives could be obtained by the FBI from the New York UPI headquarters.

KENNERLY advised that the above information is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and that it portrays his personal observations of Senator KENNEDY at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4 and 5, 1968. He stated he can furnish no further information than that already related above.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/12/68

JOHANNES A. KORTHOFF, Assistant Manager, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following signed statement:

"Los Angeles, Calif.
June 11, 1968

"I, Johannes A. Korthoff, make the following voluntary and free statement to John H. Borgman, who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI.

"My name is Johannes A. Korthoff. I reside 3198 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, Apt 404. I was born 9/20/34, Utricht, Netherlands.

"I am the assistant manager of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

"On Wednesday, June 5, 1968, I was on duty in my normal capacity at the hotel. Shortly after midnight on the morning of June 5 I was in the Embassy Room while Senator Kennedy was on the podium. Shortly before the senator left the podium I went to the lobby and then to the main kitchen. As I was walking into the kitchen I heard several reports. At the time I thought these reports were balloons bursting or firecrackers. I cannot recall how many reports or in what sequence. I was standing at the corner of the entrance to the kitchen from the pantry way, at the corner of the kitchen nearest the Embassy Room. Senator Kennedy was moving down the pantry way toward me at about a distance of 25 to 30 feet. At the time I heard the reports I saw the Senator lurch. At that point the Senator disappeared from my view, and a male voice, either beside or behind me shouted either "I'm shot" or "he's shot". Immediately there was chaos a press of people

On 6/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 385 -

by SA JOHN H. BORGMAN/clp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"moving back and forth. I did not see the person who had fired the shots. I immediately pushed my way through the crowd to the Bell Captain's Desk to use the telephone. However, as I reached the phone I found that Pat Murphy, our Security Guard was on the phone telling the operator to contact the police and to have an emergency ambulance sent to the hotel.

I then went back to the pantry way. There was a great wrestling of people going on and I could see people standing around or looking down on others who were apparently injured. I ran back to the Bell Captain's phone and told Ruby, the switchboard supervisor who was on duty, to call additional ambulances and police because I thought from the number of people involved and their violent actions that many more people were injured. I think my exact words were, "my God, they're slaughtering each other".

"I went back to the kitchen and I saw a man on the steam table in the pantry way and a large colored fellow lying across him. The gun, a very small gun, being held up in the air, pointed toward the ceiling. It was my impression that the gun was being held by the man lying on the steam table. I did not see the face of the man on the steam table at that time. I then left the scene and returned to my desk in the lobby, where I locked my phone. While I was putting the lock on my phone a Los Angeles police officer brought a young man whose hands were handcuffed behind him past my desk, past the public phones and the two disappeared from my view down the corridor leading to Executive Suites A & B. The man in custody appeared to be of Mexican extraction, in his early twenties, 5 foot 6 or 7 inches, medium dark complexion, dark hair, dressed in a bluish-grey dress shirt with sleeves rolled up and wearing dark trousers.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"I was then kept busy in the lobby trying to maintain some semblance of order. After what seems like 20 to 30 minutes I saw about 6 or 7 police officers bring a man, a Caucasian who was short with dark hair in his early twenties out of the pantry way, through the lobby and down the stairs to the bottom floor. I was standing at the head of the stairs where the officers with the suspect passed me at an approximate distance of two or three feet. I was amazed at the calm demeanor of the suspect.

"The individual with police, the suspect, looks just like the photo of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan whose photo was shown to my by Mr. Borgman.

"I have read the above 6 page statement and it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"S/ J. A. Korthoff

"Witnesses:

S/ John H. Borgman, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif., 6/11/68.
S/ Robert E. Sage, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif., 6/11/68

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/10/68

Mr. JAMES W. LOWE, 4620 Coliseum Street, Los Angeles, home phone number 296-7505, furnished the following signed statement:

"June 9, 1968
Los Angeles, Calif.

"I, James W. Lowe, 4620 Coliseum St. Los Angeles Calif. make the following voluntary statement to William A. Bailey who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the FBI. I have been told that this may be used in court. I was the chairman of the membership of the Young Professionals for Kennedy.

"Because of this position I was asked to work with the Kennedy Advance Party and the coordinators connected with the Kennedy staff. I was present in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel on the evening & morning of June 4-5 1968. After assisting in clearing a path for Senator Kennedy to enter the Embassy Room through the kitchen & pantry I then positioned myself on the steps leading to the stage in the Embassy Room while Senator Kennedy made his speech.

"According to the plans as told to me by Pierre Salinger, Senator Kennedy was to leave the stage after his speech and go directly to the Ambassador Room downstairs to address the people there.

"At sometime during the Senator's speech I was approached by an individual that I assumed to be a part of the Senators Advance Team. This individual stated that the Senator was going to the Colonial Room after his speech for a press conference and that I was to aid in clearing a path for him.

On 6/9/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 388 -

by SA WILLIAM A. BAILEY/sle Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"After Senator Kennedy completed his speech myself Rafer Johnson & several others began clearing a path for Senator Kennedy through the pantry and into the kitchen. I stopped at the double doors leading to the kitchen & at the door on my left which was open & clear. This is the door that Senator Kennedy walked through preceeded by Rafer Johnson, Rosy Grier, Paul Shieb and several others. I stopped at the door in order to keep it clear & also to allow Bill Barry & Fred Dutton to catch up to Senator Kennedy.

"At this point Senator Kennedy's wife Ethel came through the door at which time I began to accompany her in order to keep a path clear for her to reach or join the Senator.

"Immediately after she came through this door I heard gun fire, at least 4 rapid shots, at which time I immediately turned to cover Ethel Kennedy, picked her up bodily & carried her back through the door to the pantry area. I stayed with her & held her till I thought it was safe to let her go. I then did so and Mrs. Kennedy went back through the door to the kitchen and I went to the Embassy Room to check on my wife's welfare as she & friends were near the stage. I then attempted to secure medical help for anyone who might have been hurt.

"S/ James W. Lowe
JWL

"Witnessed:

S/ William A. Bailey SA, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif.
6/9/68"

In addition to the above statement, Mr. LOWE said that he is employed by the John Hancock Insurance Company, 3600 West Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, that he is employed

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

as an insurance agent, and that he was born on September 23, 1933. He stated that he had been told by members of the Kennedy Campaign Staff that if Senator KENNEDY had received the Democratic Presidential nomination, he would in all probability be employed by the Kennedy Campaign Headquarters as part of the campaign staff.

LOWE said that he had personally met approximately 18 of the 25 individuals that were part of the Kennedy Advance Party, but that he did not recognize the individual who gave him the order to clear a path for Senator KENNEDY to the Colonial Room for the press conference. He stated that this individual was a white male, approximately 32 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, tall, had a medium build, light brown hair, and was wearing a business suit. He said this individual seemed to know what he was doing and where he was going and it appeared as though some of the members of the Kennedy Campaign Staff did know this individual. LOWE stated that he saw numerous individuals in the pantry and kitchen area just prior to the time that Senator KENNEDY was shot that did not have press passes nor were they part of the Kennedy Campaign Staff. Hence, they technically should not have been in that area. He stated that he did observe a hotel Security Guard in the pantry area who was checking the passes of some individuals.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/15/68

WILLIAM (BILL) V. MANNISS, 8041 Fordham Road, Los Angeles, California, telephone 645-1929, advised that he was on Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY's staff. MANNISS had no specific title but his job was taking care of the manifest for the airplane and taking care of luggage and office equipment. He had previously worked for Continental Airlines in Los Angeles and is presently on leave of absence from that organization.

MANNISS stated that when the KENNEDY party came to Los Angeles, he was staying at his residence, but the rest of the staff was residing at the Ambassador Hotel. On June 4, 1968, at about 9:00 p.m., MANNISS and his wife PEGGY B. MANNISS arrived at the Ambassador Hotel. They had come straight from their home to the Ambassador Hotel and had parked about three blocks south of Eighth Street, because the parking lots were filled to capacity. The MANNISS entered through the Eighth Street entrance and proceeded to the victory speech.

There were about two hundred persons in the room where the speech was to be held. MANNISS is not sure of the name of the room, because he does not know the Ambassador Hotel that well. PIERRE SALINGER announced twice that Senator KENNEDY was coming down to the room to make a speech. Senator KENNEDY however, did not come after either announcement, probably because he wanted to make sure of the voting. Senator KENNEDY finally arrived and spoke. He and his wife turned to walk off the podium and MANNISS and his wife left by a door on the other side of the room from the Senator. They left with American Airlines personnel.

MANNISS and his wife walked to his car, turned on the radio and immediately heard about the shooting. They did not re-enter the Ambassador Hotel because the radio said the entrances had been blocked off so no one could enter or leave.

On 6/14/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA BILLY DALE HUBBARD and SA LEONARD M. HALE, LMH/mmc - 391 - Date dictated 6/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MANNISS further stated that he knew nothing about a press conference and he had heard nothing of a change of plan for Senator KENNEDY. It is possible, however, that his bodyguard could have changed the Senator's route downstairs, because of the position of the crowd.

MANNISS was only at the Ambassador Hotel for the victory celebration and knew nothing about any other type of plans. While he was at the celebration, he saw nothing unusual and can not remember anything that could possibly have had to do with the shooting.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

Miss GERALDINE AGNES MC CARTHY, who resides at 4419 Stansbury, Sherman Oaks, was interviewed at her place of employment, Security First National Bank, Studio City, California, during her lunch break. Miss MC CARTHY advised that she had been born in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England, on February 21, 1937. She stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968, she and other members of her family were in the Ambassador Hotel, where they were participating in the activities with the other KENNEDY supporters who were waiting for final election results and the victory speech by Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

She advised that she and her family spent the evening at the Ambassador Hotel in the Ambassador Ballroom, which is located on the floor of the hotel immediately below the floor on which Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that they had been participating in the festivities and had been singing and dancing on the stage in the Ambassador Ballroom with the other celebrants and that shortly after midnight on June 4, 1968, she and several members of her family left the stage of the Ambassador Ballroom and went to a small alcove to the left of the stage and near the rear of the Ambassador Ballroom. This alcove had access to a stairway leading up to the Embassy Room and also had access to an outside door opening onto the Wilshire Street parking lot of the hotel. She stated that immediately outside this doorway to the parking lot there was a fire escape leading down from the floor above.

Miss MC CARTHY advised that as she and several members of her family were in this alcove attempting to get a breath of fresh air, several people came down the stairway from above and a girl in an orange dress stated "KENNEDY has been shot". Shortly after that a girl in a beige dress with black dots came down the outside fire escape and exclaimed,

---

On 6/20/68 at Studio City, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 393 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./kaf Date dictated 6/24/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"Oh my God, KENNEDY's been shot". Miss MC CARTHY stated at no time did she hear anyone make the statement, "We've shot KENNEDY". She stated that several more people came down the stairway of the fire escape and she asked them questions attempting to verify what they had heard and it became apparent to her that KENNEDY actually had been shot. She said that things became very confused and that within a short time the police began to request all those who were not directly involved to leave the building very quickly and calmly. She stated that at this time she and her family left the building and returned to their home in Sherman Oaks.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

Mrs. MARGARET MC CARTHY, who resides at 4419 Stansbury, Sherman Oaks, California, advised that she was born in County Cork, Ireland, on June 1, [redacted]. She advised that she and other members of her family were very strong supporters of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and that she and her daughters had been at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 4, 1968, and early morning of June 5, 1968, when Senator KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she and all of her family had been in the Ambassador Ballroom, which is located on the floor directly beneath the floor on which the Senator was shot.

She advised that she was in the crowded Ambassador Ballroom, along with many others, waiting for the arrival of Senator KENNEDY, who was supposedly going to come downstairs from the Embassy Room to speak to those who were waiting in the Ambassador Ballroom. She stated that she and a few of the other members of her family got up on the stage in the Ambassador Ballroom, along with the "Kennedy Girls", and they were all dancing and singing and waiting for "BOBBY" to come down. She stated that shortly after midnight the room became very close and stuffy so she and several others went to a small alcove to the left and rear of the Ambassador Ballroom, where they attempted to get a breath of fresh air. This alcove had a stairway leading up to the next floor where the Embassy Room was located; there was a door leading to the Wilshire Street parking lot with a fire escape leading upstairs directly outside this door.

Mrs. MC CARTHY advised that as they stepped out on to the landing of the fire escape sometime shortly after midnight, several individuals came down the stairs, both from the inside of the building and from the fire escape, exclaiming that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. She stated that she did not remember any one person in particular and that in the confusion she did not recall having seen anyone in a polka-dot dress. She stated that she is quite certain that she did not hear anyone say "We've shot Senator KENNEDY".

On 6/20/68 at Sherman Oaks, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./kaf - 395 - Date dictated 6/24/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

Mr. EDWARD MINASIAN, residing at 129 North Lamer Street, Burbank, California, and employed in the catering department of the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was reinterviewed at which time he advised as follows:

In connection with the change of plans wherein Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was proceeding to the Colonial Room of the Ambassador Hotel instead of going to the Embassy Ballroom as originally planned, MINASIAN explained as follows:

On the night of June 4, 1968, after Senator KENNEDY completed his victory speech in the Embassy Room, he and his party, which included PIERRE SALINGER, JESSE UNRUH, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and several others whom he could not remember, left the stage and entered a rampway leading to the hallway to the Ambassador Ballroom. He recalled he was walking in front of Senator KENNEDY and while the KENNEDY party was following him, they were discussing the advisability of going to the Colonial Room for a brief press conference before going downstairs to the Ambassador Ballroom. He said this discussion was very brief, lasting no more than 15 to 20 seconds.

He said he stopped at the end of the passageway before entering the aisle leading to the Ambassador Ballroom. The KENNEDY party turned right into the passageway leading to the Colonial Room, and he joined the KENNEDY party, walking on Senator KENNEDY's right side.

He said he feels certain the decision to go to the Colonial Room instead of the Ambassador Ballroom was a spontaneous decision after a brief conference. He based this upon the conversation he overheard plus the fact that as of the time KENNEDY was delivering his victory speech, the plans were for him to proceed directly to the Ambassador Ballroom.

MINASIAN said inasmuch as he was walking in front of the KENNEDY party, he did not see who took part in the discussion but believes he recalls hearing the voices of Senator KENNEDY, FRANK MANKIEWICZ, and possibly one other whom he could not recall.

On 6/15/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 396 -

by SA WILLIAM D. HOSKINS/sro Date dictated 6/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. WILLARD H. MURRAY (BARBARA MURRAY) was interviewed at her residence, 5309 Maymont Drive (telephone 293-3290). She furnished information as follows:

During the evening of June 4, 1968, at approximately midnight, she was in the passageway just outside the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, while she was speaking to BRADLEY UNRUH, son of the Assemblyman. She observed JESSE UNRUH walk by and just moments after he passed, she heard a series of shots which shots occurred in rapid succession.

At no time did she observe Senator ROBERT KENNEDY during the above period. After the shots were fired, Mr. IRWIN STROLL who was standing next to her said, "I've been shot, I've been shot." Mrs. MURRAY said she attempted to help IRWIN down, but he explained he was shot in the leg and could not lie down or sit down.

Mrs. MURRAY said she observed no other person shot and did not observe the person who fired this series of shots.

A photograph of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN was displayed to her, and she stated she has never seen this person before and did not see him during the above incident.

Mrs. MURRAY also said that she does not recall observing any lady wearing a polka dot dress during the evening of June 4, 1968, at the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. MURRAY estimated that there were approximately six people between herself and the person doing the shooting. The sound of the shots appeared to come from an area to her right and slightly behind the passageway section outside the Embassy Room. After the shooting, Mrs. MURRAY said she went to the Embassy Room, then to the Gold Room and stayed at the NBC set up area.

Mrs. MURRAY said one other person who was in the passageway area during the above incident was JAMES CUMMINGS

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 397 -

by SA ROBERT C. HOLMES:jmk Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

of 1700 South Burnside, Los Angeles (telephone 939-2850). She did not recall anyone else present other than the above persons. However, she advised that CARMEN and LOUIS WARSCHAW were present in the Embassy Room just after the shooting. They are both prominent in Democratic Party circles in Los Angeles.

She also advised that CAROL BRESHEARS who was in charge of the "KENNEDY girls" and on the KENNEDY campaign staff would have been present in the Embassy Room during the above incident.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

1

PATRICIA ELIZABETH NELSON, also known as Patti Nelson, 15311 Cornuta Avenue, Bellflower, California, furnished the following additional information to that she had furnished to the FBI on June 6, 1968 regarding her having observed a man carrying a package from which protruded what she thought could have been a gun stock, running from the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California, at about 12:10 a.m. on June 5, 1968, just before she learned that Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot:

Her further thoughts on the matter, after viewing the video tape on June 7, 1968, of a ABC news cast with FRANK REYNOLDS, which had been aired June 5, 1968, in Los Angeles over ABC Channel 7 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., she had reached certain conclusions.

She noted on the video tape, after identifying the man pictured on this tape as the same man she had seen running from the Ambassador Hotel, that the package that the man was carrying, when observed on the video tape and which he presented to Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY for autographing on the tape, was the same package that this man was carrying when observed running from the Hotel's Embassy Room. The package observed on the video tape appeared to her to be a cardboard carton, about 3" in diameter and 3' in length, which is commonly used to carry posters or maps. She had further observed that this carton, as pictured on video tape, appeared to be very light in weight when handled by Senator ROBERT KENNEDY at the time of autographing. On the basis of what she had observed on the video tape, she now had doubts as to whether what she had originally observed about the package in question could in fact have contained a stock of a gun protruding from it, as she had originally believed it may have had.

On 6/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA LLOYD O. BOGSTAD/mlb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/21/68

FRED PARROTT, M.D., was interviewed at his office, 1704 West Manchester Avenue, Suite 210, and furnished the following information:

On June 4, 1968, he went to the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11:30 PM to listen to the victory speech of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He found that the hotel was so crowded that he could not get into the Embassy Room, the room in which Senator KENNEDY was giving his speech.

Shortly after midnight, while standing near the door to the Embassy Room, he heard a great deal of shouting and screaming from the interior of the room. Shortly after, Dr. MARCUS MC BROOM, a Psychologist whom he knew, came out of the room and said that doctors were needed. Dr. PARROTT attempted to enter the Embassy Room; however, a guard at the door refused to allow him to enter. While he was trying to identify himself, Dr. ROSS MILLER slipped past the guard and went into the Embassy Room, apparently to see if he could render any aid.

With the tremendous crowd that had gathered in the Embassy Room, he never did reach the injured people and did not see SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. However, while standing outside the door to the Embassy Room, a man came by carrying a rolled up newspaper under his arm. As the man pressed through the crowd, passing right next to Dr. PARROTT, he kept saying, "Excuse me, please". Dr. PARROTT noticed that he appeared to have glassy eyes, as though he were ill. Just after this man passed, several men, whom he assumed were from the KENNEDY Party, came through the crowd hollering, "Stop that man! Stop that man!", indicating the man who had been carrying the newspaper. He does not know if these men were successful in getting the man with the newspaper stopped, but the last time he observed them, they were going out the south door of the Ambassador Hotel. He described the name with the newspaper as a white male, dark complexion, dark hair, 25 to 27 years old, 5'7" tall, medium build. He said that he could furnish no description of the two or three

On 6/20/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD P. DOUCETTE/asi - 400 - Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

men who were attempting to stop the man with the newspaper, other than that they were white males.

The only other thing that he observed which seemed irregular to him under the circumstances was four men carrying a fifth man out of the hotel saying, "Let's get out of here". He did not know if the man they were carrying had been injured in the crowd.

A photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was exhibited to Dr. PARROTT but he advised he did not recognize him as anyone he has ever seen. PARROTT stated that he went to the Ambassdor Hotel with his friend, SAMUEL STRAIN, and advised that STRAIN could be reached at telephone number AX 3-5327.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

[redacted], age 15, was interviewed at her residence, 4197 Hayvenhurst Drive, Encino, California, telephone 789-3230. She advised that she is the daughter of California State Senatorial candidate SHELLEY PORTER and is a student at Birmingham High School in grade A-10.

[redacted] advised that she went to the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, and attended the Democratic political rally there. She advised she was accompanied by [redacted] (phonetic), a girl friend, and her escort, SCOTT HOWARD. She advised they arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 8:00 p.m.

She advised that she was present in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel during the acceptance speech of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY. She advised that she was standing in front of the podium during KENNEDY's speech. She recalled that prior to the finish of Senator KENNEDY's speech, another girl friend of hers, [redacted], and a friend of hers, [redacted], who was representing Continental News Service, left the Embassy Room and went to the kitchen as they understood sandwiches were being prepared there.

[redacted] advised that following KENNEDY's address, she observed him walk from the podium and walk towards the kitchen off of the Embassy Room. A short time later, she heard loud screams from the general area of the kitchen and observed that people in that general area had shocked or horrified expressions on their faces. She advised that she was approximately 50 feet away from the kitchen area when this occurred.

She advised that she started to walk towards the kitchen area and approximately three or four minutes after the commotion started near the kitchen, she observed [redacted] run from the area of the kitchen and approach her. She stated that [redacted] was quite hysterical and shouted, "We shot him." She advised [redacted] was with [redacted] at the time and that [redacted] was also quite hysterical. She advised that she observed blood on the right side of [redacted]

On 6/13/68 at Encino, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 402 -

by SA's CARL E. PILKVIST, Jr. and ~~DANIEL R. BRAINARD (CEP:jmk)~~ Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

forehead and that one of her knees was cut and bleeding. [redacted] advised that [redacted]IN then related to her that while she [redacted]) was in the kitchen, Senator KENNEDY came in and that she shook his hand as he walked through the kitchen. [redacted] told her that after shaking his hand, Senator KENNEDY took about two steps and then she heard two shots and then Senator KENNEDY fell on her. [redacted] told her that she heard six or seven additional shots which she said sounded like a cap gun, and she then ran from the kitchen. [redacted] advised that [redacted] told her that she did not see who fired the shots in the kitchen nor did she know what happened to [redacted] who was also in the kitchen at that time.

[redacted] advised that she did not observe the shooting of Senator KENNEDY or any of the other victims; however, did recall seeing some people injured and bleeding in the kitchen area. She advised she did not hear any shots fired. She did recall, however, that there were several people who shouted, "We shot him," and she attributed the exclamation to the hysterical nature of the situation.

[redacted] related that approximately one-half hour before Senator KENNEDY's speech, she went to an exit area at the left rear of the Embassy Room with another high school girl friend, [redacted]. She advised that there was a stairway leading from the exit area. She recalled that while in this area, she observed an individual wearing white shirt and white trousers and dark shoes, walk down the stairs and a short time later return. She advised that this individual some time later again walked down the stairs and returned. [redacted] stated that there was an individual who appeared to be some type of a guard stationed at the bottom of the stairs; however, she could not see if the individual she observed go up and down the stairs had any contact or conversation with the guard. She further described the individual she observed as a male; race unknown, however, definitely not Negro; age approximately 23 years; 5'7"; build medium; hair black and curly, however, cut short and with no long sideburns. She advised that the individual's clothing was possibly a uniform, and the individual could have been someone from the kitchen.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

[redacted] was shown photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN and after viewing the photographs, stated that she could not state whether or not SIRHAN was the individual she observed going up and down the stairway prior to Senator KENNEDY's address. She advised, however, that the individual she observed did not have hair as curly or as long as the hair depicted in the photograph of SIRHAN.

[redacted] advised she could recall no other information relative to the events that occurred at the Ambassador Hotel at the time she was present.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

GENE M. RAMOS, home address 2901 Vernon, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed at his place of business, the Gene Ramos Interior Decorators, 2901 West Vermon, Los Angeles, and furnished the following information:

RAMOS advised that on June 4, 1968, he and his wife, JACKIE, after going out to supper in West Hollywood, California, drove to the Ambassador Hotel in order to hear Senator ROBERT KENNEDY's victory speech. RAMOS advised that he and his wife arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 11:20 PM, and went directly to the lobby located outside of the Embassy Room. He advised that when they reached the lobby, they were told that no one could get into the Embassy Room unless they had an invitation and at this time he and his wife went to a bar across the lobby possibly called the Palm Room and watched Senator KENNEDY's victory speech on television.

RAMOS went on to say that as soon as Senator KENNEDY's speech was over, he and his wife left the bar, possibly the Palm Room, and walked out into the lobby near the Embassy Room hoping that they could see Senator KENNEDY when he departed the Embassy Room. He advised that when he and his wife reached the main hall near the Embassy Room a large crowd of people was leaving the Embassy Room and he heard someone shout "Senator KENNEDY has been shot." RAMOS advised that the next thing he heard was a woman's voice yelling that KENNEDY had not been shot, and the hallway outside the Embassy Room was in a state of confusion. He advised that as soon as many of the people had cleared out of the hallway, he and his wife entered the Embassy Room and observed a female laying on a platform or table next to the stage and noticed that she was bleeding profusely from the head. He advised that there were three or four people standing around this woman and someone had put a handkerchief over her head and this was the only person that he observed who had been shot. RAMOS advised that after he had been in the Embassy Room for approximately three minutes two men entered with a stretcher and removed the lady who had been shot and two male individuals who were standing

---

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA ANDREW J. STEFANAK and SA ALLEN K. TOLEN/AKT/sdb - 405 - Date dictated 6/18/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

on the stage were yelling for everyone to get out of the room. RAMOS advised at this time, he and his wife left the Embassy Room and overheard numerous individuals say that KENNEDY had been shot and others said he had not and he actually did not know the details until he got home and started watching television. RAMOS advised that at no time did he ever hear anyone at the Ambassador Hotel say that they had shot Senator Kennedy and the only statement he recalls anyone saying was that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

RAMOS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department No. 495 139, and advised that this individual was unknown to him and to his knowledge he did not observe this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

RAMOS then furnished the following names of individuals who were known to him and who were observed at the Ambassador Hotel by him on June 4, 1968:

FRED D. PARROTT, M.D., address 1704 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone No. 750-0590;

SAM STRAIN, 4076 South Crenshaw, Los Angeles, California telephone 293-5327;

IRIS MILLER, 620 South Sloan, Compton, California;

(FNU) WILLIAMS, a brother to FRANK WILLIAMS, who is currently running for 63rd Assemblyman, Los Angeles, California;

LEON RAPH, Assemblyman, 55th District, 103rd Street, in Watts, Los Angeles, California.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

RAMOS further advised that someone told him that IRIS MILLER's husband, ROSS MILLER, was one of the individuals in the ambulance which took Senator KENNEDY to the Central Receiving Hospital in Los Angeles, California.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

MARTHA EWING RAMOS, home address 2901 West Vernon, Los Angeles, California, furnished the following information:

RAMOS advised that she goes by the nickname of JACKIE and on the evening of June 4, 1968, she and her husband GENE RAMOS after having supper in West Los Angeles, drove to the Ambassador Hotel in an attempt to hear Senator KENNEDY's victory speech. Mrs. RAMOS advised that when her and her husband arrived at the Ambassador Hotel they went to the main lobby outside of the Embassy Room and were told that they could not gain entrance without an official invitation. She advised that at this time her and her husband went to a small bar near the lobby outside the Embassy Room, believed to be called the Palm Room and had two or three drinks and watched the Senator's victory speech on television.

She went on to say that when Senator KENNEDY's victory speech ended she and her husband went out to the main lobby next to the Embassy Room in an effort to view the Senator when he left the Embassy Room and as several people from the crowd were exiting the Embassy Room, she and her husband heard someone say that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and then a lady said that he had not been shot that someone else had. She advised that after the crowd had thinned out of the lobby outside of the Embassy Room, her and her husband entered the Embassy Room and observed a white female lying on a table near the stage and it appeared that she had been shot and seemed to be bleeding around the face. Mrs. RAMOS advised that three or four people were standing around this woman and then two men who were carrying a stretcher picked the woman up and exited the Embassy Room and this was the only person she observed who appeared to be injured in any way. Mrs. RAMOS further advised that while she was in the lobby adjoining the Embassy Room and also while in the Embassy Room she can recall hearing numerous individuals say that the Senator had been shot and that other people had been shot, but that she and her husband did not definitely know the seriousness of this event until they reached their residence and heard the news on television.

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA ANDREW J. STEFANAK and - 408 - SA ALLEN K. TOLEN/AKT/sdb Date dictated 6/18/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

She went on to say that as soon as the two men with the stretcher picked up the injured lady in the Embassy Room, there were two male individuals standing on the stage yelling for everyone to clear the room and at this time she and her husband left the Ambassador Hotel through the main lobby and returned home to their residence. Mrs. RAMOS advised that at no time did she ever hear anyone say that they had shot Senator KENNEDY and all she heard said to this effect was that the Senator had been shot. She advised that several people in the lobby and outside the Ambassador Hotel were crying when she and her husband left. Mrs. RAMOS stated that she and her husband saw a few people at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968, who were known to them and felt certain her husband could furnish the names of these individuals.

Mrs. RAMOS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN taken June 5, 1968, Los Angeles Police Department No. 495 139 and advised that this individual was unknown to her and stated that she did not see this individual at the Ambassador Hotel on June 4, 1968.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

JUDY MARIE ROYER, Private Secretary to former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN, was interviewed at her place of employment, Ball, Hunt, Hart and Brown, Attorneys at Law, Suite 300, 9418 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California, telephone 279-1960. JUDY ROYER stated that she resides at 8851 Saturn Street, West Los Angeles, California, telephone 278-0287

JUDY ROYER stated in addition to being the private secretary for former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN she also was on the paid staff of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY on a part time basis working with his press department.

JUDY ROYER stated that on the evening of June 4, 1968 she was working in Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff area next to the stage of the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California. JUDY ROYER stated when Senator KENNEDY made his speech on the evening of June 4, 1968 she was standing in a hallway behind the stage next to a doorway listening to the speech. JUDY ROYER stated that when Senator KENNEDY left the stage of the Embassy Room she knew he was going to the Colonial Room to speak with the working press and she had previously been to the Colonial Room and told the members of the working press that Senator KENNEDY would be there shortly to speak to them.

JUDY ROYER stated that when Senator KENNEDY entered the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room, after his speech, she walked in front of him in the direction of the Colonial Room. JUDY ROYER stated that she walked in front of Senator KENNEDY to avoid the numerous members of the news media and other supporters who normally follow him. JUDY ROYER stated that as Senator KENNEDY walked through the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room towards the Colonial Room he was shaking hands with various people and walking slowly. JUDY ROYER stated that while she was walking in the direction of the Colonial Room with her back to Senator KENNEDY she heard some noises that sounded like firecrackers. JUDY ROYER stated that after she heard the noises that sounded like firecrackers, she turned around and people began shoving and shortly thereafter she ended up standing

On 6/13/68 at Beverly Hills, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 410 -

by SA IRVIN B. WELLS, III and SA MYRON M. HITCH MMH/nmb Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

within a few feet of Senator KENNEDY, who was lying on the floor bleeding. JUDY ROYER stated that when she first heard the noises that sounded like firecrackers, she was near the end of the third warming counter near the east end of the passage way and after she was shoved she ended up near one of the ice machines, very close to where Senator KENNEDY was lying on the floor. JUDY ROYER stated that at that time Senator KENNEDY was approximately five feet from her.

JUDY ROYER stated that she then noticed ROOSEVELT GRIER, RAFER JOHNSON and some newsmen at her right struggling with someone. JUDY ROYER stated that at that time she could not see the individual they were struggling with. JUDY ROYER stated that when she first noticed the individuals struggling they were near the end of the warming counters at the eastern end of the passage way. JUDY ROYER stated that she was then escorted behind the easterly most warming counter in an effort to get out of the way and when she was behind the warming counter she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding on to a man.

JUDY ROYER was shown Los Angeles Police Department photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department booking number 495-139, and she positively identified the individual in the photograph as the man she had seen ROOSEVELT GRIER holding on to the night of June 4, 1968 in the passage way behind the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

JUDY ROYER stated that the last thing she remembers was that California Assembly Speaker JESSE UNRUH was on top of one of the warming counters yelling repeatedly "Don't kill him, don't kill him". JUDY ROYER stated that the officers of the Los Angeles Police Department came and took the man ROOSEVELT GRIER was holding into custody and they left the area. JUDY ROYER stated that she then returned to the staff area and in the meantime Senator KENNEDY had been moved so that he could receive medical treatment.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

JUDY ROYER stated that when she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding SIRHAN SIRHAN she recognized him as a man she had previously seen in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room and told him to leave that area. JUDY ROYER stated that during the evening of June 4, 1968 she had been walking in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room from the anti-room area to the Colonial Room trying to keep the passage way clear. JUDY ROYER stated that the reason she was trying to keep the passage way clear was because a Los Angeles Fire Marshal had told them they had too many people in the staff area. JUDY ROYER stated that she cannot remember the exact time she saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room but she believes it was approximately one or two hours before Senator KENNEDY made his speech. JUDY ROYER stated that when she saw SIRHAN SIRHAN he was in the passage way immediately east of the anti-room behind the stage of the Embassy Room. JUDY ROYER stated that she noticed SIRHAN SIRHAN standing near a doorway in the passage way. She did not recognize him as a member of the staff or a member of the press and she told him to leave. JUDY ROYER stated that she is familiar with most of the members of the press due to her long relationship with former California Governor EDMUND "PAT" BROWN and she also knew most of the members of Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff. JUDY ROYER stated that she told SIRHAN SIRHAN to leave the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room and she watched him walk into the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. JUDY ROYER stated she did not notice anything unusual about his behavior and she stated she did not notice if he had anything in his hands or if he carried anything. JUDY ROYER further stated that she did not see anyone with him and he appeared to be alone. JUDY ROYER stated that she told him she was sorry but that he could not remain in that area because it was reserved for members of Senator KENNEDY's campaign staff and members of the press only. JUDY ROYER stated that after she told SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN this and asked him if he would mind leaving he turned and entered the Embassy Room. JUDY ROYER stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN was wearing a light blue jacket or sweatshirt type jacket and light blue trousers.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

JUDY ROYER stated that she is positive SIRHAN SIRHAN is the same man she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding in the passage way and that in addition SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is the same individual she had seen approximately one or two hours before Senator KENNEDY made his speech, standing in the passage way behind the Embassy Room.

JUDY ROYER stated that the reason she is so positive is because her first thought when she saw ROOSEVELT GRIER holding SIRHAN SIRHAN was that she had seen this man in the passage way behind the stage of the Embassy Room previously and had asked him to leave.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

Mrs. OLGA SEKULIC, 3462 Broadway, Huntington Park, California, furnished the following information:

She advised she is an American citizen but has spent a number of years living in Toronto, Canada. She campaigned for JOHN F. KENNEDY in Boston, Massachusetts when JOHN F. KENNEDY ran for the presidency in 1960.

On the evening of June 4, 1968 she went to the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California to see Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY give his speech at the hotel. She arrived at the hotel at about 11:30 p.m. and she immediately went to the Embassy Room where the senator was scheduled to deliver his speech. While giving his speech she noticed an Arabic looking man, walking through the crowd assembled in the Embassy Room. She described this individual as a man in his late 20's, 5'8", dark curly hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, medium build and wearing a white shirt, black pants and coat. This man did not have any campaign buttons on or literature on his person.

When asked how she knew this individual was of Arabic nationality, she replied that she could tell a person's nationality by his hair and facial features. She volunteered that she speaks French, English, Hebrew, Russian, Serbo - Croatian fluently and therefore knows an individual's nationality when she first meets the individual. She did not observe this man talking to anyone else in the crowd and commented that he did not seem to fit with the crowd in the Embassy Room because of his dress. After Senator KENNEDY finished his speech he left the podium. She stated that she observed this man follow the crowd towards the door through which Senator KENNEDY made his exit.

Approximately ten minutes after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY this same man bumped into her as they were both leaving the Embassy Room and he made the remark, "Let me go, I've got to go". She did not see where this man went after he bumped into her. She stated she would be able to recognize this individual if she were to see him again. She did not see SIRHAN SIRHAN

On 6/14/68 at Huntington Park, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR. - 414 - VJH/nmb Date dictated 6/19/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

in the Embassy Room either prior to or after the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

Mrs. OLGA SEKULIC was shown a number of photographs taken by various news media at the Ambassador Hotel on the night Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was shot. She stated that she was unable to see herself in any of these photographs nor was she able to see the Arabic looking man whom she described in a previous interview with the FBI.

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 416 -

by SA WILLIAM S. BURTON and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR. VHJ/nmb Date dictated 6/19/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/14/63

MARIA URSANO, who resides at 5020 Hazeltine Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, telephone 783-9406, was interviewed at her place of employment, International Host Restaurant, Satallite Number Four, Los Angeles International Airport.

Mrs. URSANO advised she was present at the Ambassador Hotel during the night on which Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Mrs. URSANO advised that she lives by herself with her 12 year old son and did not wish to become involved in the matter as she feared for her welfare should her identity be made known.

Mrs. URSANO related that she had worked as a campaign volunteer for ROBERT F. KENNEDY and as such had arrived at the Ambassador Hotel at approximately 6:45 p.m. on June 4, 1963 in anticipation of a victory celebration. She stated she mingled with the guests for two or three hours and observed at approximately 9:45 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. that it was extremely hot. She stated for this reason she left the main hall and entered a small room adjacent to the stage. At the rear of this room there was a small patio or balcony outside of the room in the open air. Mrs. URSANO stated, while on the balcony, she observed an individual standing by himself who she later saw being carried out by the police department and identified through newspaper photographs as SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she commented to SIRHAN at the time how hot it was but he did not answer her comment. She stated he was just standing on the balcony and from his facial expression she assumed he was a MC CARTHY supporter as immediately prior to that time MC CARTHY had been interviewed on national television and the tone of his statements seemed to indicate he was acknowledging defeat. Mrs. URSANO stated after a minute or two she returned to the hall

Mrs. USANO stated immediately prior to Senator KENNEDY's victory speech she observed an individual described as "hippie" in appearance with long blond hair, blue jeans and very dirty, standing on the left side of the stage. She stated that the man seemed out of place by his appearance She stated another individual who appeared to be a KENNEDY supporter commented to

On 6/14/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 417 -

by SA MARTIN D. GALLAGHER/nmb Date dictated 6/14/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

her prior to the speech that she had better leave as the balloons over the stage contained some sort of explosive and shortly thereafter the balloons would explode, killing everyone in the area. Mrs. URSANO took this comment in jest and thought no more of it. She stated she also observed a nice looking girl in a white dress with blue or black polka dots in the company of a Latin appearing individual, who is not identical with SIRHAN. She did not observe them in any kind of conversation with SIRHAN. Mrs. URSANO stated she thought it was worthwhile to comment on the individuals, not because she had any indication that they may be involved in the assassination, but only because their appearance and movements seemed suspicious to her.

Mrs. URSANO stated shortly after the speech she heard what sounded like balloons exploding, followed by screaming, indicating that Senator KENNEDY had been shot and was bleeding. She stated she did not see the Senator after his speech and was not even aware of the way he exited from the hall until later on.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

JOEL WEINGARTEN, 4915 Greenbush Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, was interviewed at his place of employment, 1407 South Maple Avenue. He advised he was present at the Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, during the evening and early morning hours of June 4 - 5, 1968.

Mr. WEINGARTEN stated he had previously registered as a supporter at the ROBERT F. KENNEDY Presidential Campaign Headquarters. He did not lend any active support towards his campaign but he felt strongly enough about the political philosophy of ROBERT F. KENNEDY to register at the headquarters.

Mr. WEINGARTEN stated he was watching television at his residence during the early evening of June 4, 1968 and decided to go to the Ambassador Hotel and join in the festivities. He stated he went to the hotel in the company of NATHAN HELFMAN and NATHAN's girl friend MAXINE OTCHIS. They arrived at the hotel at about 9:30 or 9:45 p.m. He stated he was in the company of NATHAN and MAXINE during the whole time he was at the hotel.

WEINGARTEN stated he milled around the hotel and visited the campaign rooms of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MAX RAFFERTY and ALAN CRANSTON. He stated sometime around midnight Senator KENNEDY was giving his victory speech. WEINGARTEN recalled that he was standing in a room adjacent to the room where Senator KENNEDY was speaking. He was standing next to a television set and tried to get in a position to see Senator KENNEDY. He stated he was able to see him partially, but was unable to hear any of the speech.

WEINGARTEN stated that he had heard that the room that he was standing in was going to be the room that Senator KENNEDY was going to visit after giving his victory speech. He stated that he waited for KENNEDY to come into the room and all of a sudden he heard a commotion in another part of the hotel and began to watch the television set. He stated all of a sudden he heard people yelling, "Is there a doctor in the house". WEINGARTEN stated that he cannot exactly describe what took place during this

---

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 419 -

by SA JOHN F. MORRISON/nmb Date dictated 6/19/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

commotion as people were moving quickly and yelling and screaming. He said that he thought there might be a fire inside the hotel and that was the reason for the commotion. WEINGARTEN stated that a short time later he had heard that Senator KENNEDY had been shot.

He said that a short time after he had heard this, he was standing near a hotel exit to a side parking lot where he saw police officers taking out a person. WEINGARTEN stated he later learned that this individual was SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated he had never seen SIRHAN SIRHAN before and had never heard his name. He stated that he did not see any female wearing a polka dot dress during the time he was at the Ambassador Hotel.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
JOS/sro

BACKGROUND CONCERNING SIRHAN FAMILY

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

SUSAN DIANE BAKER, 218 Hamlet Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that she resided for one month at 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California and moved from this location on June 8, 1968. She stated that the reason she moved was because SIRHAN SIRHAN, who resided at 696 East Howard Street, here next door neighbor, was accused of assassinating Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and she wanted to get away from this matter. However, she stated that she never knew SIRHAN SIRHAN except to occasionally see him arriving or departing his home. She never spoke to him nor any other member of his family. She stated that this was because she felt that they had absolutely nothing in common and she was not interested in becoming acquainted with them. SIRHAN SIRHAN impressed her as being a person of foreign extraction and very quiet and reserved. She could furnish no other information concerning this matter.

On 6/17/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 422 -

by SA JOHN C. ARLT/nmb Date dictated 6/18/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/24/68

DANIEL GARBIS BEDELIAN, also known as Khatcher Daniel Bedelian, 1523 North El Molino, was interviewed at his home.

BEDELIAN advised that he was born on February 26, 1934, at Beirut, Lebanon. He stated that he is a naturalized United States citizen and received his naturalization on September 24, 1964, at Los Angeles, California.

BEDELIAN stated that he owned and operated the Bedelian Brothers American - European Market at 1525 North El Molino, Pasadena, which address is at the intersection of El Molino and Howard Streets in Pasadena, California. BEDELIAN advised that the SIRHAN family lives approximately one-half block from his store.

BEDELIAN stated that he does not know any member of the SIRHAN family and that to his knowledge has only seen a person whom he believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN on one occasion.

He stated that in approximately September, 1967, his brother, JOHN BEDELIAN, who is Director of Nurses at the Community Convalescent Center, Tujunga, California, came to the store. He stated that his brother parked his automobile at the curb by the side of the store. He stated that after his brother was in the store for a few minutes that he returned to his car and discovered that a tape recorder had been stolen.

He stated that in a discussion with his brother he learned the brother had observed an individual who was later determined to be one of the SIRHAN brothers standing across the street from the parked automobile. He stated that this was the only individual that he had observed in the area. He stated that when his brother went back out to the automobile, that he again noticed this individual standing across the street. He stated that the individual then walked down the street, and he and his brother followed this individual to the SIRHAN residence.

On 6/19/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 423 -

by SA JOHN F. RUSSELL, Jr.:jmk Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He advised that he questioned this individual as to the theft of the tape recorder, and the individual denied taking it. BEDELIAN stated that after he had questioned this individual, that two of the SIRHAN brothers, whose names he does not know, came to the store and indicated a displeasure with the BEDELIAN brothers having accused one of their brothers in stealing the tape recorder. He stated that since no one had actually observed the tape recorder being stolen that he pursued the matter no further.

BEDELIAN stated that after seeing photographs of the alleged assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY in the newspaper and on television, he is of the opinion that the individual whom he and his brother suspected of stealing the tape recorder was SIRHAN SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

PATRICIA JAIMIE CHANTREY, 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that she has resided at this location for approximately the past six months. She stated that she is now aware that her next door neighbor was SIRHAN SIRHAN. However, she stated that she never spoke to SIRHAN SIRHAN nor to any other member of his family. She stated that she did not know one brother from the other. She stated that she believes the reason she did not become acquainted with them was because they were of a different nationality then she and they appeared to have nothing in common. She noted that she could recall passing SIRHAN SIRHAN on the sidewalk and neither one of them spoke. In fact she stated the only people whatsoever SIRHAN SIRHAN talked to were small kids. He impressed her as being very quiet and shy. She knew none of his activities or associates. She stated that she was unable to comment on his character except to state he was quiet and never caused trouble to her knowledge in the neighborhood.

She advised she could furnish absolutely no other information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or members of his family.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 425 -

by SA JOHN C. ARLT/nmb Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/19/68

MARINUS H. GORIS, 675 East Howard, advised that he lives across the street and two doors away from the SIRHAN family who reside at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California.

Mr. GORIS stated that he has resided at this address since May, 1960. He stated that he does not recall just how long the SIRHAN family has lived in the neighborhood.

He stated that he worked with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN at the Westminster Presbyterian Church for a period of two weeks approximately four years ago. GORIS stated that he was hired by the church to do some painting and that Mrs. SIRHAN worked at the church in the nursery school. GORIS stated that he does not know any of the other members of the SIRHAN family; however, he is aware that there were some boys in the family. He stated that the boys always appeared well-behaved, quiet, and self-respecting. He stated that he does not know any of their names.

GORIS stated that he did not recognize SIRHAN SIRHAN when he saw the alleged assassin of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY on the television following his apprehension.

He stated that he has never talked to SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of the family other than MARY SIRHAN. He stated that he does not know what their political feelings are nor does he know how they feel toward the Israeli - Arab conflict.

On 6/18/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 426 -

by SA's JOHN F. RUSSELL, Jr. and RICHARD S. ROBERTS (JFR:jmk) Date dictated 6/19/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

PAUL WILSON LEWIS, 708 East Howard Street, advised that he has lived at this location for approximately one month and he has never had any contact with his next door neighbor, SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that his only contact was with his mother, MARY SIRHAN. She seemed like a nice person but actually he could not comment on her character. He said that the whole family impressed him as being quiet people who kept to themselves. He could furnish no other pertinent information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN or his family.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 427 -

by SA JOHN C. ARLT/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. STEPHEN VAN ZANDT THOMPSON, 218 Hamlet Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that up until Sunday, June 9, 1968, he and SUSAN BAKER resided at 708 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. He advised that they had resided at this Howard Street address for one month. He advised that he is now aware that SIRHAN SIRHAN was his next door neighbor inasmuch as he did reside at 696 East Howard Street. However, he stated that he never spoke to SIRHAN SIRHAN or any other member of his family. They seemed to stay in the house most of the time and he never observed any visitors. He advised that he knew absolutely nothing concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN's character or activities.

On 6/13/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 428 -

by SA JOHN C. ARNT/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

Mrs. RUTH L. SCOTT, 812 East Howard, advised that she is a neighbor of the SIRHAN family. She stated that she does not know the SIRHAN family very well but that on occasion she has spoken to Mrs. SIRHAN when Mrs. SIRHAN would pass her home.

On 6/19/68 at Pasadena, California - 429 - File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOHN F. RUSSELL, Jr.:jmk Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/8/63

Mr. DAVID ROON, 680 East Howard Street, advised that he has resided at this address with his wife, ANNETTE, for the past three and one-half years He stated that he is aware of the fact that SIRHAN SIRHAN resides one door away at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, with his mother MARY and several brothers.

However, he stated he is acquainted with them on the most casual basis. He stated that the family lived at this location when he and his wife moved in. He stated that he did not know one brother from another except that he could say that he would recognize SIRHAN. He stated he only had occasion to speak to them on three or four occasions during the past three years and he found them to be very quiet, reserved people. He pointed out that he believed that this family owned a chartreuse Volkswagen and a pink and white De Soto. Mr. ROON advised that the only thing he could point out concerning this family is the following:

A girl that he and his wife know by the name of BEVERLY COREY (true last name MONROE) who dances under the name of GANNY (phonetic) is a belly dancer who for the past two years has danced at the Greek Village on Hollywood Boulevard, near Vine Street in Hollywood, California. He stated that on one occasion she danced at the Fez (phonetic) Club in Hollywood, California where SIRHAN SIRHAN's brother ADEL was a musician playing some type of Arabic instrument. He advised that he did not know if BEVERLY, who resides at Halifax Hotel, Room 318, Yucca and Cahuenga in Hollywood, knew SIRHAN SIRHAN, however, he noted on Wednesday, June 5, 1968 she came over to see if she could be of any assistance to SIRHAN's family and also used their telephone to make a telephone call. He noted that the clientele at the Greek Village is made up of mostly tourists and people of Greek extraction. He did not believe that she dated ADEL but that she just knew him because they worked in various clubs together.

He described BEVERLY as being a person against violence and war but who had no political or religious affiliation that

---

On 6/8/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOHN C. ARLT/nmb - 430 - Date dictated 6/8/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

he knew of. He recalled that a year ago in June, 1967 when the Jewish- Arab conflict broke out that she made a statement to the effect that she could not see why they could not get along but she did not take any sides. He advised that he had no reason to think she had any influence over ADEL or his brother SIRHAN. He advised that actually since his contact and knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN was so very limited he was unable to comment further concerning SIRHAN's, character, associates, reputation or activities.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/8/68

Miss ANN SYLVAN, 688 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that for the past 40 years she and Mrs. OLIVE YOUNGS BLAKESLEE have resided at this residence. She noted that approximately six or seven years ago SIRHAN SIRHAN moved into the house next door at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She stated that also at this time his mother, MARY SIRHAN and brothers, ADEL and MUNIR (JOE) and a sister ANITA moved in. She stated that ANITA died approximately three years ago from leukemia. She never saw SIRHAN's father. She stated that prior to the time they moved in on Howard Street she believed that they lived on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She stated that SIRHAN graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena, California and also attended Pasadena City College. She stated that SIRHAN in her opinion was the brains of the family inasmuch as he was a good student and a deep thinker. She stated his mother MARY was a very refined person who was always clean and very nice. She stated that for the past six or seven years his mother has been helping out at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on North Lake Street near Woodbury in Pasadena, California. She stated further that Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPITT, 1130 Daveric Drive, Pasadena, California, who is the minister of the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Street, Pasadena, California, had told her that SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family lived with him for a while, approximately nine years ago. She noted that SIRHAN has worked for the past five or six months at the Natural Food Company on North Lake Street in Pasadena, California.

She advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN, even though she is a woman well up in years and SIRHAN is only a young man, he would frequently stop by her house and play Chinese Checkers with her and Mrs. BLAKESLEE. However, she noted that he has only been over to her house once in the past two months. She stated that this was two weeks ago and he came by and played a game of Chinese Checkers and also returned a book she had lent him entitled "By These Things Men Live", which is authored by RUBY M. APPELL. She stated that this is

---

On 6/8/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 432 -

by SA JOHN C. ARLT/nmb Date dictated 6/8/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

a religious inspirational type book. She said, "SIRHAN impressed us as being very intelligent because he expressed himself very well and he always beat us in Chinese Checkers." However, she stated he never talked about politics, religion, philosophy or like subjects; nor did he ever talk to her about Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Jews, Arabs, Jordan or any other current events. She stated that he was very observant and when he came into her house he would notice any changes she had made in her interior decoration.

He was very helpful to her in assisting her in making small repairs around the house. She stated that SIRHAN frequently went to the Pasadena City Library to read books but he never discussed what he had read. She stated that he did not drink alcoholic beverages and she only saw him smoke on one or two occasions. As far as she knew he did not date or have any girl friends and she did not know any of his friends. He was a polite young man of good habits

She stated that SIRHAN had a 1957 pink and white De Soto which he did quite a bit of mechanical work. When he came over on visits he would laugh a lot. He told them that he liked to play checkers with them because he learned a lot from older people. She stated that in her estimation he had an excellent reputation in the neighborhood She never heard him discuss guns nor did she know he had one in his possession. He never talked about his father, who she understands lives in a village near Jerusalem.

Miss SYLVAN advised that she thought very highly of SIRHAN because he was so polite and helpful to her and seemed like such a very nice intelligent young man. She encouraged him to return to college. She advised that she had no reason to believe that SIRHAN would have committed any act of violence. She continued that his mother, MARY, has not been over to her house in over a year but that sometimes she would stop by the door and give us some bread that she had baked. She stated that MARY went to church every Sunday but she did not know about SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

She stated that all members of the SIRHAN family usually remained at home and were quiet and never caused any disturbance She could not say anything bad about anyone of them.

She stated that two years ago SIRHAN hurt his head in an accident involving a horse. She stated that he complained to her about this injury and she knew he frequently went to doctors concerning it. She stated that she could not say whether this injury had any change on his personality inasmuch as she was not very well acquainted with him prior to this injury. His mother occasionally had friends over to the house and they sometimes talked in a language she did not understand. She stated that she did not know any of these visitors nor did she know any of SIRHAN's associates or friends.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/8/68

Mrs. ESTELLE SNOW, 728 East Howard, Pasadena, furnished the following information:

Mrs. SNOW has been acquainted with Mrs. MARY SIRHAN for approximately six years inasmuch as Mrs. SNOW's sister, HERMIONE POIRIER, 99 South Raymond, Pasadena, California, a real estate agent, had sold the residence at 696 East Howard to the SIRHAN family and Mrs. PIORIER had commented to Mrs. SNOW what a nice family the SIRHANs were; however, Mrs. SNOW never visited in the SIRHAN home and never got to know or carry on a conversation with any of the SIRHAN children. When she and Mrs. SIRHAN would meet on the street or in a store, they would chat about the weather and other light subjects and never discussed the SIRHAN children.

According to Mrs. SNOW, Mrs. SIRHAN had a daughter, name unknown, who had leukemia and died approximately three or four years ago. Mrs. SNOW learned about this daughter from a Mrs. STRAWS who formerly lived at 708 East Howard but Mr. and Mrs. STRAWS now reside in Malaysia with the Peace Corps and will not return until August 1968. She did not have an address for Mr. and Mrs. STRAWS; however, related that Mrs. STRAWS felt that Mrs. SIRHAN would not admit ever to herself that her daughter had leukemia.

Mrs. SNOW also believes that approximately three years ago one of the SIRHAN brothers, but which one she could not specifically recall, was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department near Pasadena City College for tampering with the brakes of a car owned by a girl, name unknown, who had resisted his advances. Mrs. SNOW believes that (FNU) HOLOPETER, a Pasadena attorney represented the SIRHAN brother who was implicated in this matter, however, she did not know the outcome of the investigation.

On 6/8/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOHN M. CALLAGHAN/bje/sdb Date dictated 6/8/68

- 435 -

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mrs. SNOW would see SIRHAN SIRHAN walking about the streets of Pasadena but always by himself. Mrs. SNOW does not know of any friends or acquaintances SIRHAN SIRHAN might have and she did not know where he was employed. She did not see him on June 4, 1968, nor could she provide any pertinent information regarding his activities that date. She never knew SIRHAN SIRHAN or any member of his family to possess firearms.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. ROCCO ROPPO, 1647 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information in broken English and Italian, with the assistance of [redacted], age 14, grandson, as a partial interpreter:

Mr. and Mrs. ROPPO immediately recognized a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN. Mrs. ROPPO grabbed picture out of Agent's hand, immediately covered it with spittle and broke into tears. Mr. ROPPO on seeing the picture of SIRHAN started speaking in Italian loudly and was calmed down by his grandson, LOUIS, who told him that "wasn't nice." Mrs. ROPPO pulled from under the table cloth a picture of ETHEL KENNEDY and the KENNEDY children which was on a magazine cover that had been torn off, and a large newspaper picture of ROBERT KENNEDY and hugged them to her bosom. Both were emotional and visibly touched.

Mr. ROPPO stated the SIRHAN family were living in the house when he purchased it, and continued to live there for another year. He stated this was about five or six years ago. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about sixteen to eighteen years old at the time. He did not know them well.

He stated that the mother's name was MARY SIRHAN. She had one son in San Francisco, who plays a guitar for a living, and one son lives in the court adjacent to his house, name unknown. One son was named MUNIR SIRHAN. He does not know how long the SIRHANs lived in the house before he purchased it. He never heard the SIRHANs speak of politics or of Jordan. He could furnish no other information.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 437 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD/HMS Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. T.E. DORAN, Salesman, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He first met SIRHAN B. SIRHAN in approximately 1960, when he was trying to sell SIRHAN's mother, MARY SIRHAN, a house. To the best of his knowledge, the SIRHAN family was living in a house just north of Elizabeth Street on Lake Avenue in Pasadena, California, which is a few blocks north of the King Robey Company. He stated their home was located on the west side of Lake Avenue, about three or four houses north of Elizabeth Street. Mr. DORAN stated that King Robey Company is located one lot due west and one lot south of 1321 North Mentor Avenue. He stated the lot had been a parking lot owned by the City of Pasadena for several years.

In dealing with MARY SIRHAN, he learned that she had an account with Pomona Federal Savings in Pasadena. SIRHAN was about 15 years old at this time and although Mr. DORAN talked with SIRHAN several times, he never heard SIRHAN speak of politics or bitterness against this country. He (DORAN) stated that SIRHAN had a sister, AIDA SIRHAN, now deceased, who married a candy maker in Palm Springs, California. He believes that SIRHAN attended Longfellow Elementary School in Pasadena.

He stated that when he first tried to sell the SIRHANs a house that they stated to him in general terms that they did not want to be around Negroes. He considers SIRHAN at that time to have been emotionally stable and a normal boy. Mr. DORAN advised that MARY SIRHAN told him one time that the boys would work, but that they did not want to contribute to the upkeep of the family. He advised he could furnish no other information.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 438 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. KING ROBEY, King Robey Company, Realtors, 1300 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN personally. He stated that a bank purchased the old house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, and tore the house down in 1960 or 1961. He stated the City of Pasadena purchased the lot and made a parking lot out of it. He could furnish no other information.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 439 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. LORA LOWTHER, Number 3, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

She has resided at this address for eighteen years. She would not recognize the SIRHAN family if she saw them; however, her grandson did play with MUNIR SIRHAN several years ago. She could not furnish dates or ages. She stated that no one else had lived in the court long enough to recall the SIRHANs, except the people presently living in the 1647 North Lake Avenue address.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 440 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD/HMS Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. ISABEL CROSLEY, 1348 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

She did not know the SIRHAN family very well. She recalls vaguely that they lived on North Mentor Avenue, Lake Avenue, and that they moved to 696 Howard Street, Pasadena, California, about four years ago. She stated she could furnish no other information.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

SA WILLIAM N. HEARD/HMS - 441 - 6/13/68

by _____ Date dictated _____

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. FRANCIS E. HAMILTON, Number 1, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

Her house faces the side of the house at 1647 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California. She has lived there seven years. She does not recall the SIRHANs living there at 1647 North Lake Avenue. She stated that a brother to SIRHAN resides in the garage apartment at the end of the court; however, she could not furnish his name.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # ~~Los Angeles 56-156~~

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD/HMS - 442 - Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. GEORGE KAISER, Number 4, 1659 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He has resided at the above address for three years. He does not recall the SIRHAN family living in the house in front of him; however, he stated there was a SIRHAN brother who resided at the end of the court in a garage apartment.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 443 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD/HMS Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr. HENRIE VARTANIAN, 1312 North Lake Avenue, furnished the following information:

He is the owner of Henrie's Toys, a toy store at the above location. He has known SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and MUNIR SIRHAN since about 1958 on a limited basis. He stated that he knows MUNIR SIRHAN better than SIRHAN SIRHAN, and that MUNIR had a nickname of "Sunshine." He knew SIRHAN SIRHAN very casually. He stated that the SIRHANs lived in the house on the lot immediately to the rear of his store on Mentor Avenue, when they first came from Jordan. He believes that SIRHAN lived there until the house was torn down in 1960 or 1961. He stated that SIRHAN was very polite and never caused any trouble to his knowledge. He never heard SIRHAN or MUNIR speak of politics. He could furnish no other information.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 444 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. HAROLD COFFIN, 1320 North Mentor Avenue, furnished the following information:

She has lived at above address since July 1958. She believes the house at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, was torn down in 1958. She recalls none of the tenants that resided at the 1321 North Mentor Avenue address.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 445 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Miss ESTHER J. LOWE, 1303 North Mentor Avenue, furnished the following information:

She has resided at 1303 North Mentor Avenue since June 10, 1963. The address 1321 North Mentor Avenue has been a vacant lot and a parking lot since she moved into the residence at the above address. To her knowledge, she has never seen SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156
- 446 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68 .

Mrs. ALLEN LUSSIER, 1308 North Mentor, furnished the following information:

She has lived at above address for one year. She could furnish no information regarding the 1321 North Mentor Avenue address which had been converted into a parking lot by the City of Pasadena.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 447 -

by SA WILLIAM N. HEARD and SA VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN (ADEL), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

ADEL said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1968, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

ADEL has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. ADEL noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. ADEL said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

ADEL said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and ADEL has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. ADEL noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

ADEL said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 448 -

by SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/eb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, advised he has lived at this address on a continuous basis with his family which included his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He said there is no such address as 696½ East Howard Street and to his knowledge his brother, SIRHAN, was not interested in or active in any type of an anti-draft movement. He said he is sure that no anti-draft meetings have been held at this residence.

On 6/15/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 449 -

by SA M. JON KOLOMITZ and SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT AAH/sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

MARY SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, advised she is the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. She said there is no such address as 696½ East Howard Street and to her knowledge her son, SIRHAN, was not active in any anti-draft movement.

On 6/15/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA M. JON KOLOMITZ and SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT AAH/sro - 450 - Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN (MUNIR), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

MUNIR said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

MUNIR has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. MUNIR noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR MUNIR said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

MUNIR said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and MUNIR has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. MUNIR noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

MUNIR said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

On 6/13/63 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 451 -

by SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/eb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/17/68

SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN (SAIDALLAH), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

SAIDALLAH said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1968, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SAIDALLAH has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SAIDALLAH noted that this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SAIDALLAH said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SAIDALLAH said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SAIDALLAH has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. SAIDALLAH noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

SAIDALLAH said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 452 -

by SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/eb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/17/63

SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN (SHARIF), 696 East Howard Street, was contacted to determine if he has any knowledge concerning the following alleged activities of his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN):

A.) Spending seven months in Arabia in 1964.

B.) Spending five months in Cairo, Egypt, in 1966.

C.) Using name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR.

D.) Being married to LEILA USSES MICHAEL.

SHARIF said that SIRHAN has not been out of the State of California since 1957, and since 1957 to June 4, 1963, the longest period of time that SIRHAN has been away from home was for periods of from seven to ten days during the time SIRHAN was employed at a racetrack in Corona, California.

SHARIF has never known SIRHAN to use the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN ABU KHATAR. SHARIF noted this is a Muslim name, and it literally means SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, father of KHATAR. SHARIF said SIRHAN is a Christian and would not have used a Muslim name.

SHARIF said to his knowledge, SIRHAN has never been married, and SHARIF has never heard of a LEILA USSES MICHAEL. SHARIF noted that the correct spelling of USSES is actually USSEF.

SHARIF said this alleged information concerning SIRHAN is obviously erroneous.

On 6/13/63 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 453 -

by SA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/eb Date dictated 6/14/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/12/68

Mr. LOUIS G. SHELBY, 2054 North Berendo, Los Angeles, California, owner operator, The Fez, mideast restaurant, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that he is familiar with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mr. SHELBY was exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR. and he immediately identified the photograph.

Mr. SHELBY stated that the clientele at his restaurant is composed of 70 per cent non-Arabian individuals and 30 per cent of individuals of Arabian background. Mr. SHELBY stated further that another floor of his establishment which is directed more towards drinking and entertainment is composed predominately of Arabian and other foreign nationality students.

Mr. SHELBY disclosed that his initial contact with the SIRHAN family came through his connection with a former employee, ADEL SIRHAN. He stated that his records reveal that ADEL SIRHAN was employed by him as a musician, periodically from January 1, 1962 through June, 1967. He stated that the employment was not constant in that musicians and patrons require a periodic change and therefore ADEL SIRHAN would occasionally leave his employment for an undetermined amount of time.

SHELBY disclosed that ADEL SIRHAN, as a musician, would necessarily work night hours at his club. He stated that to the best of his knowledge SIRHAN after travelling to The Fez by car would usually park his vehicle on North Vermont Avenue or in a nearby adjacent lot.

Mr. SHELBY stated that ADEL SIRHAN could best be described as an extremely practical pragmatist, who was positively not connected with any communistic causes. SHELBY stated that he felt certain that ADEL SIRHAN was in no way connected with the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) which he understood held meetings in a hall located several buildings away from The Fez restaurant. SHELBY continued that he knew of no other member of the SIRHAN family that was connected with the DCA.

On 6/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 454 -

by SA PAUL CHAMBERLAIN, JR./nmb Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

SHELBY disclosed that ADEL SIRHAN terminated his employment at The Fez in June of 1967 due to personal reasons involving his, SIRHAN's, feeling that he would be looked down upon for marrying a girl who was a dancer. SHELBY stated that ADEL SIRHAN was at that time going with a MYLENE KAY, an exotic dancer at The Fez.

Mr. SHELBY stated that although ADEL SIRHAN would talk with the other musicians and employees of The Fez, he could best be described as extremely close mouthed and SHELBY revealed further that he felt that he, SHELBY, was the only individual at The Fez who was anyway close to ADEL SIRHAN.

SHELBY stated that at one time ADEL SIRHAN was going with another girl who danced at The Fez, named BARBARA KHOURY, who terminated her employment some two or three weeks ago.

SHELBY stated that he understands that ADEL SIRHAN is not currently employed and was most recently employed at "Shakers" in Hollywood, California.

Mr. SHELBY disclosed that he met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on approximately two or three occasions. SHELBY was again exhibited a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN which he positively identified as being identical to the brother of ADEL SIRHAN.

SHELBY disclosed that SIRHAN SIRHAN came to The Fez on approximately one or two occasions and at no time created an incident there.

SHELBY stated that his only real in depth conversation with SIRHAN SIRHAN occurred during Easter 1968 when, as is the mideast custom, SHELBY and his family were travelling to the homes of family friends. He stated that he and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN engaged in a lengthy political discussion at the SIRHAN family home in Pasadena, California. SHELBY disclosed that SIRHAN SIRHAN was interested in his opinions since he, SHELBY, graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) with a Political Science degree and did a year and one-half of graduate work at the University of California at Berkeley, specializing in the International Relations field primarily in middle east politics.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

SHELBY stated that he and SIRHAN SIRHAN discussed the problems of youth in America, the hippie movement and civil disobedience. SHELBY stated that SIRHAN was definitely unhappy with "the establishment" and was extremely politically oriented with his primary concern being in connection with the Israeli Arab problem.

SHELBY continued that SIRHAN was concerned about America and the direction it was taking, as governed by its foreign policy. SHELBY stated that SIRHAN talked to him of how the American foreign policy affected Americans as individuals and advised SHELBY that he felt conclusively that the American foreign policy was responsible for the establishment of the State of Israel.

SHELBY advised that the word "frustrated" would best describe SIRHAN SIRHAN in that he, SIRHAN, expressed the feeling that Arabs as well as nations were powerless to do anything about the worldwide Zionist plot. SHELBY advised that he could describe SIRHAN SIRHAN as confused idealistic and somewhat "left wing" in his political philosophies.

SHELBY advised additionally that SIRHAN believed that the worldwide Zionist plot was not being stopped by United States foreign policy but almost aided.

SHELBY stated that he was also friendly with another member of the SIRHAN family, SHARIF SIRHAN, who, for the last several months, has visited The Fez once or twice a week. SHELBY stated that he initially met SHARIF as well as SIRHAN SIRHAN at the SIRHAN residence in Pasadena when he travelled there on one or two occasions to rehearse the acts to be shown at The Fez.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

LA 56-156
JOS/sro

A characterization concerning W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of America is attached as an appendix page to this section of the report.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

APPENDIX

W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A source advised that on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates were told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. Du Bois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that Mike Zagarell, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that Daniel Rubin, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that Gus Hall, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that Jarvis Tyner is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/10/68

Miss ELSA MARIE BUTLER, 1673 North Golden Gate Avenue, Los Angeles, California, advised that she has been employed as a belly dancer for the last 11 months at The Fez, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

She stated that this is a restaurant which caters to many persons of Arabian descent. It is owned by LOUIS SHALEBY who is also known as LOUIS SHELBY. SHALEBY resides on North Berendo Street, Los Angeles, and has telephone number NO 3-2649. She said that many of the employees and customers have been vociferous in their animosity toward Israel. She noted that Mr. SHALEBY has never expressed any such animosity.

Miss BUTLER has learned that a number of employees and belly dancers have been questioned concerning their associates as a result of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. One of the girls so questioned was PHYLLIS YOUNG who is also known as PENNY and is of Jewish descent.

On the night of June 4, 1968, Miss BUTLER came to work at 8:00 p.m. At about 1:00 a.m., June 5, 1968, customers entering the restaurant mentioned that Senator KENNEDY had been shot. There is no television or radio in this restaurant and all information obtained was furnished by customers. When Miss BUTLER verified the fact that a shooting had taken place, she became very despondent and terminated her act. At about the same time, she observed the manager of the restaurant who appeared to be very elated about the news.

The manager is MACHMOUD SIAM who is also known as MIKE. She said that he was clapping his hands and encouraging singing in Arabic. She could not understand the meaning, but noted that the song ended with the Arabic word, "Yehudi" which means, "Jewish". In addition, SIAM stated in English that he was glad that the shooting had occurred and made a statement that he believed the Jewish people had done this.

On 6/10/68 at Los Angeles, California - 459 - File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA THEODORE E. CHILDRESS and SA NORMAN R. JOHNSON/NRJ/alm Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Miss BUTLER described SIAM as about 30 years of age, good looking, medium complexion, five feet eight inches in height and has eyes which are almost blue. His hair is curly and medium length, and he speaks with a heavy accent. She believes he immigrated to the United States at least five years ago. He resides in an apartment in Hollywood with a younger brother. She believes he was previously married to a school teacher and is either divorced or separated.

She noted that there was quite a bit of discussion among the employees concerning the shooting and that they were all furnishing their beliefs as to the reasons. The bartender, SAM YASIR (phonetic) expressed the belief that the shooting had been perpetrated by the Catholics.

Miss BUTLER said that although a number of Jordanians have frequented this restaurant she has never known SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to be a customer. She said that SIRHAN's brother, ADEL had previously worked at The Fez as an oud player. She stated the oud is a musical instrument similar to a lute and is used to accompany the belly dancers. ADEL left this employment in July, 1967.

Another brother, SHARIF, is a regular customer at The Fez.

She noted that ADEL SIRHAN formerly dated a dancer named MYLENE KAY (phonetic). Miss KAY is an Australian who possibly knows the entire family and who is believed to be currently employed at the Barefoot Bar, Vacation Village, Mission Bay, San Diego.

Miss BUTLER stated that The Fez is usually closed on Mondays only. She stated that The Fez has not reopened since the night of the assassination of Senator KENNEDY. Mr. SHALEBY told her that it was not necessary to report for work until Tuesday, June 11, 1968. He said that he was closing the restaurant temporarily because of the animosity expressed among the customers and employees and he said that it was unsafe to remain open. She stated that SHALEBY is of Eastern Orthodox religion and appeared to be ashamed and upset about the assassination.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Miss BUTLER noted that because of the intense nationalism expressed by the customers and employees the atmosphere of The Fez has been most conducive to fights. She stated that under the current conditions she does not feel that she could return to The Fez. She expressed her sentiments to Mr. SHALEBY at which time he implied that MACHMOUD SIAM would not be returning to his employment.

Miss BUTLER stated that she felt the authorities should be aware of the atmosphere among the employees and the customers of The Fez. She could furnish no further information concerning SIRHAN or his family but expressed a willingness to assist in any way possible noting that she is acquainted with most individuals employed as musicians and dancers in the Arabic community.

ELSA MARIE BUTLER was born September 18, 1942, at Toronto, Canada, She is a derivative citizen and her parents, JOHN HAROLD BUTLER and PHYLLIS BUTLER, reside at 2036 Clark Avenue, Long Beach, California. Miss BUTLER's stage name is "FEIROUZ".

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/24/68

MIKE SAID SIAM was interviewed at his residence, 5555 Carlton Way, Number 202, Hollywood, California. SIAM advised that he was born in Palestine on December 6, 1938. He is described as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair.

SIAM advised that he was acquainted with the SIRHAN family because he had worked at the "Fez" restaurant with ADEL SIRHAN, the brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that he had met the entire family when the sister died sometime ago and that he has been in the SIRHAN home on several occasions.

SIAM advised that he had seen and talked to SIRHAN SIRHAN several times during the year 1967 when SIRHAN was employed at the Santa Anita Race Track. He stated that he saw him around Christmas time 1967, when he had dinner at the SIRHAN home. He stated that during this visit to the family home he had no discussion whatsoever with SIRHAN and he found him to be a very quiet, serious individual who spoke very little. He stated also that on the occasions when he saw SIRHAN at the race track in 1967, their only discussions were concerning either horses or their families and that they never, at anytime, discussed any politics or ideologies. The visits at the race track always occurred on Saturday. He said that SIRHAN never impressed him as being an individual of a violent nature and that he seemed to be only a quiet, reserved individual who had always been polite and well mannered.

SIAM advised that he had not seen SIRHAN since the Christmas season of 1967 when he had dinner with the SIRHAN family, but he stated that he occasionally saw ADEL and SHARIF, two of SIRHAN's brothers, as they visited the "Fez" restaurant from time to time. He stated that ADEL had been employed at the "Fez" at one time as a musician but that he

---

On 6/20/68 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 462 -

by SA's E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR. and GEORGE E. AIKEN, JR./ERR/kaf Date dictated 6/24/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

quit because the girl he was going with at the time was let go because of their association. SIAM stated that it was a policy of the restaurant that the employees were not to fraternize with each other.

SIAM advised that he could furnish no further information concerning the personality or character of SIRHAN SIRHAN, but that if something came to his mind in the future that he thought might be pertinent he would notify the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

CHARLES HARB, Harb Shoe Service, 806½ South Alvarado, Los Angeles, California, was contacted at his place of business and voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known ADEL SIRHAN and SHARIF SIRHAN for approximately five years from his frequenting the Fez Restaurant, 1508 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. ADEL played a guitar at the Fez, and SHARIF would occasionally visit the Fez with ADEL.

He advised his relationship with ADEL and SHARIF was limited to meetings at the Fez and he never saw either of them away from the Fez. He considered ADEL and SHARIF as acquaintances but did not consider them as close friends. He has never engaged in any political or world affairs discussions with either of them.

HARB advised that when he heard Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY had been shot by a SIRHAN, he wondered if it could have been ADEL or SHARIF, because of the similarity of the last name. He discussed this matter at his place of business and it is possible someone believed he was a close friend of the SIRHANs. When he later saw a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN on television and in the newspaper, he immediately knew the alleged killer was not ADEL or SHARIF SIRHAN. He stated he did not know ADEL and SHARIF had another brother, as they had never discussed having another brother and he never heard them mentioned SIRHAN SIRHAN.

HARB stated he has not seen ADEL or SHARIF for about three months, as HARB has not visited the Fez for about three months.

On 6/20/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 464 -

by SA CLIFFORD E. HEDRICK and SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR. OAL/sro Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

SHAFIK KRADSHEH, Instructor in the Arabic Department, Defense Language Institute (DLI), Monterey, California, furnished the following information:

KRADSHEH has been an instructor at the language school since November 1962. He was born at Nadaba, Jordan, on September 10, 1929. He came to the U.S. in October, 1953, and after living in Pasadena and Los Angeles, California, from 1953 to 1962, he came to teach at the Monterey Language School. KRADSHEH received his U.S. citizenship on January 4, 1963.

KRADSHEH advised that while he was attending Pasadena City College in 1957, he was introduced to SHARIF SIRHAN at Pasadena. He advised that SIRHAN was a recent immigrant from Jordan who had arrived in the U.S. with an older brother, SAADALLAH SIRHAN. KRADSHEH does not recall whether he ever met SAADALLAH SIRHAN. KRADSHEH stated that he had no knowledge of any member of the SIRHAN family from Jordan, but only came in contact with them for the first time in Pasadena in 1957. He said he was an occasional acquaintance of SHARIF SIRHAN and never developed any close friendship with him.

He stated that SHARIF SIRHAN, in his opinion, did not express any extremist views on the Arab-Israeli question, or the relationship of the U.S. foreign policy to this question, but always appeared to take a moderate position on the matter, inasfar as KRADSHEH is able to recall. KRADSHEH has no knowledge of any organization to which SHARIF SIRHAN might have belonged during the period of their acquaintance. KRADSHEH stated that to his knowlege SIRHAN had no connection with any Palestinian nationalist organization back in Jordan. KRADSHEH does not recall ever having met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

On 6/6/68 at Monterey, California File # LA 56-156 SF 62-5481

- 465 -

by SA RICHARD J. ROMANSKI:dp Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

In 1963 KRADSHEH, who at that time was living in Monterey, California, traveled to Pasadena with his uncle, MAJED QUOSSOUS, who was visiting from Jordan. MAJED QUOSSOUS knew the SIRHAN family from Jordan. KRADSHEH stated that his uncle knew the family much better than he, himself, did. They traveled to the residence of the SIRHANs in Pasadena and visited with Mrs. SIRHAN briefly. At that time none of the other members of the family were home. KRADSHEH's uncle, MAJED QUOSSOUS, returned to Jordan shortly thereafter and is presently residing there. The last time KRADSHEH saw SHARIF SIRHAN was around 1958. Other than the brief visit in 1963, KRADSHEH has had no other contact with the family.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

Mrs. BESS JACOBS, 2149 North El Molino, wife of JOSEPH E. JACOBS, advised that approximately 11 years ago while residing on Walworth Avenue, Pasadena, she and her husband met a Jordanian woman whom they have just now discovered was the mother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

Mrs. JACOBS related that this one and only meeting with Mrs. SIRHAN occurred at a Market Basket Food Store on Lake Avenue, in Pasadena. She explained that it was on this occasion she and her husband overheard Mrs. SIRHAN speaking Arabic to her young son as they proceeded down the super market lanes.

Mrs. JACOBS stated that although both she and her husband are native born Americans they are both of Syrian heritage and are fluent to a limited degree in Arabic. She related that as she and her husband reached the end of the lane paralleling that of Mrs. SIRHAN they introduced themselves to her and inquired if she might possibly be Syrian. She stated that after the introductions the woman, subsequently identified as Mrs. SIRHAN, then informed them that she was Jordanian and had been in the United States for a very short time.

Mrs. JACOBS explained that her own son, JOSEPH, age 20, formerly attended Longfellow Elementary School with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, but never knew them to be friendly even at the age of 8, 9 and 10.

She explained that when SIRHAN was identified on television and in newspapers as the alleged murderer of Senator KENNEDY her husband casually announced to both her and her daughter, DEBBIE, that he thought that he had driven SIRHAN SIRHAN to elementary school years ago on one or two occasions when it was raining.

On 6/11/68 at Altadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 467 -

by SA NORBERT R. LINKER/sdb Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mrs. JACOBS stated that there has never been any further contact between members of her family and members of the SIRHAN family.

She recalled that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator KENNEDY both she and her husband viewed a photograph of SIRHAN's mother in the Los Angeles Times after which they concluded that this was the woman whom they had introduced themselves to at the Market Basket Food Store in Pasadena 11 years ago.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/12/68

1

ROBERT E. RITCHEY, 1128 North Hill, Pasadena, California, was interviewed at his place of employment "RX Express Company", 298 Henrietta, Pasadena. RITCHEY was advised that he was being interviewed concerning his association with SIRHAN SIRHAN, and he advised that he has known the SIRHAN family for approximately ten years.

RICHEY stated that his first contact with the SIRHANs came in 1958 when a brother, ADEL SIRHAN, began working with him at a company then known as B and L Molding Supply Company in Pasadena, California. He advised that this company has since disbanded. He advised that the SIRHAN family, including SIRHAN SIRHAN, then lived at the corner of Mentor and Washington in Pasadena. He further advised that although ADEL quit the B and L Molding Company in 1961, he still maintained contact with ADEL and the SIRHAN family. He advised that he believes at some time in 1962, the SIRHAN family moved to 696 East Howard, Pasadena.

RITCHEY stated that in July of 1967, he and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, another brother, moved into an apartment together. The address was 1659 North Lake, Apartment 7, Pasadena. He advised that he and SAIDALLAH lived together through November, 1967 at this apartment. He stated that he moved out following an argument which he and SAIDALLAH had. He stated that SAIDALLAH kept a revolver in their apartment and accused him of stealing this revolver along with $65.00 in cash. RITCHEY stated this revolver was a .38 caliber, and the barrel was approximately three or four inches long. He advised that he does not know where SAIDALLAH obtained this revolver, but he feels certain it was a .38 caliber because of the size of the bullets. He advised that SAIDALLAH also kept a rifle in a closet of their apartment, but he could not furnish the make or model of this rifle.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SAs WILLIAM JOHN SLICKS and RICHARD J. RAYSA/WJS/pih - 469 - Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

RITCHEY stated that SAIDALLAH did not get along with SIRHAN SIRHAN. He advised that as far as he knows, SIRHAN SIRHAN never came to their apartment. He also advised that he does not know of SIRHAN's ever using or having possession of SAIDALLAH's revolver. He advised that he does not know of SIRHAN's having his own revolver.

RITCHEY stated that he was not a close friend or acquaintance of SIRHAN SIRHAN. He stated that he knew SIRHAN through his close friendship with ADEL and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN. RITCHEY described SIRHAN SIRHAN as a "loner" type of individual. He advised that he does not know of any friends of SIRHAN. He stated that every time he saw SIRHAN outside of his residence, SIRHAN was by himself. RITCHEY stated that SIRHAN had a great fondness for race horses. He advised that SIRHAN often went to the Hollywood Park Race Track, but he does not know whether SIRHAN had a job there. RITCHEY advised that SIRHAN once mentioned that he was a close friend of a well-known race horse jockey named MILO VALENZUELA.

RITCHEY advised that SIRHAN asked questions of him concerning politics, but never did discuss politics, or express any political viewpoint to him. RITCHEY stated that he could not remember any of the political questions asked by SIRHAN, or even of what nature these questions were. He stated that SIRHAN was the type of person who asked questions about politics, but never discussed politics. RITCHEY also stated that he remembers SIRHAN telling him "your country is against my country". He advised that SIRHAN never mentioned anything to him concerning Jordan-Israel-United States relations.

RITCHEY advised that he last saw SIRHAN SIRHAN approximately two weeks before the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He stated that SIRHAN was by himself on a street near his home in Pasadena, and they did not have any conversation with each other.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mr DON PAUL STAFFORD, 960 East Washington Boulevard, furnished the following information:

He operates the Johnson Motors Service at above address. He has known the SIRHAN family since they first came here from Jordan, and moved into their first home at 1321 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, which has since been torn down and is now operated as a parking lot by the City of Pasadena. He believes the SIRHANs arrived in Pasadena in 1957 or 1958. The father, whose name he does not recall, only stayed here for about three months and then returned to Jordan. He believes the father was not in favor of coming to this country to begin with and did not like it here.

He stated the children of the SIRHAN family spoke very good English, which he considered surprising. SIRHAN SIRHAN was about 12 or 13 years old. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN had a brother named MUNIR, who had a nickname of "Manure;" another brother who was an assistant to a carpenter; and a sister who was about fifteen at the time. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN would come across the street to the service station he operated and visit with him. He stated that SIRHAN had no bitterness at all towards anyone or anything. SIRHAN SIRHAN was interested in becoming a mineralogist or a geologist. SIRHAN SIRHAN was always by himself; was not interested in politics; expressed no discontent with this country; and was "just happy to be here" in this country.

He stated the SIRHANs moved to Lexington Street in Pasadena after the city purchased the house and lot for a parking lot. SIRHAN attended the John Muir High School in Pasadena. He stated that after the SIRHANs moved to Lexington Street, a fourth brother appeared. He did not know his name. The SIRHANs were not an ideal family. The mother had no control over the children.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 471 -

by SA's WILLIAM N. HEARD and VINCENT J. HORN, JR./WNH/HMS Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

SIRHAN's sister, name unknown, married a wealthy candy man in Palm Springs, California. Although she lived with him, the man did not recognize her as his wife. The sister became sick with leukemia, and came home to die. The girl told her mother that the husband promised to send the family $250.00 per month for life. The man actually paid the girl's funeral expenses and sent the family a couple of payments of $250.00. He believes it highly possible that the family held a grudge against the girl's husband because of the way he treated her. SIRHAN may have been influenced by this. He could furnish no other information.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

Mrs. SHIRLEY MC CONNELL, 508 Concha Street advised that her daughter, SUSIE, age 18, and [redacted], age 17, are classmates and close friends at John Muir High School, Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL related that on Wednesday, June 5, 1968, she picked up her daughter and [redacted] at the [redacted] residence, 2149 North El Molino Street, Altadena and drove them to school. She advised that shortly after they departed the [redacted] residence, [redacted] mentioned that her father had driven SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN to either John Muir High School or junior high school years ago.

Mrs. MC CONNELL related that [redacted] had further indicated that on one or two occasions her mother and father had met the SIRHAN family during the period that they resided in Pasadena. Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she thought that these disclosures by [redacted] were significant in that she understood that the [redacted] were from some place in the middle east.

Mrs. MC CONNELL stated that she wanted to make it quite clear that she had no reason to believe that the [redacted] family was in any way involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY but could perhaps shed some light on the reasoning behind SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN's alleged assault upon Senator KENNEDY. She concluded by stating that through [redacted] she ascertained that all members of the [redacted] family were deeply shocked on learning that Senator KENNEDY had died.

On 6/11/68 at Altadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 473 -

by SA NORBERT R. LINKER/sdb Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

GEORGE NEME, 1085 Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, California, was contacted at his residence, where he voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known SAIDALLAH (SAID) SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, for approximately one and one-half to two years, as he and SAID were both employed as machine operators at Michael Ganguin, Incorporated, 53 West Union Street, Pasadena.

NEME stated that because of his limited knowledge of the English language, he (NEME) never engaged in any political discussions with anyone at work. He stated he had very few discussions with SAID SIRHAN and never talked politics or world affairs with him.

NEME advised he has not worked or seen SAID SIRHAN for over six months, as he (NEME) had a cancer operation about six months ago and has been bedfast ever since the operation.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 474 -

by SA CLIFFORD E. HEDRICK and SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR. OAL/sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
JAM/sdb

The Las Vegas Division of the FBI furnished the following information:

Mrs. MARTHA HAUK, Deputy, Ormsky County, Clerk's Office, Carson City, Nevada, on June 6, 1968, advised that MUNIR SIRHAN, who she knew as JOE and a brother of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, was hired by her as a stock man at Nash Department Store, Pasadena, California in about July 1967. She stated he was in this employment when she left that store in October 1967. She advised that she had been employed as Assistant Personnel Manager with Nash Department Store and described MUNIR SIRHAN as a wonderful person who was very pleasant, a good worker, very polite, and had no violent reactions and appeared very sane to her.

Mrs. HAUK stated MUNIR SIRHAN was single and resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena. She stated that she had never seen or met any of MUNIR SIRHAN's relatives and knew none of his brothers, but recalled that he had a sister who had been very ill.

Mrs. HAUK stated that MUNIR SIRHAN had previously been employed by the Nash Department Store and had left for two or three years and returned in 1967. She stated she had the impression when he first left this employment, he was involved in some kind of trouble, but that she had had no trouble with him in the store. She stated he appeared to be very popular with other Nash store employees.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Reverend WARNIE T. TIPPETT, 1130 Daverie Drive, was contacted at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2495 East Mountain Pass, where he is pastor. Reverend TIPPETT advised that he had heard rumors from unrecalled individuals that he had been in touch with SIRHAN SIRHAN and his family possibly nine years ago. He stated that he did not know how this story had gotten started, but that it was totally untrue. He said that he has only been pastor of this church for the past two years and prior to that time he had resided in the State of Idaho. However, he stated that he had checked into this matter of SIRHAN's being connected with the First Church of the Nazarene and found out the following:

Possibly nine or ten years ago, Mr. HALDON LILLENAS (who has been deceased five or six years) had traveled to Jordan and had helped SIRHAN SIRHAN's father transport his family to the United States. He stated that after they arrived in Pasadena, California, about nine years ago, they attended this church for about four Sundays, and then they transferred to another church. The only other information he could furnish was that he had heard SIRHAN SIRHAN's father had a quick temper.

Reverend TIPPETT advised that the above information is all he could furnish concerning this matter.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA's WILLIAM P. CRAWFORD and JOHN C. ARLT/jca/kaf - 476 - Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

DON CAPURRO, 392 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, California, was contacted at his residence and voluntarily advised as follows:

He has known SAIDALLAH SIRHAN, also known as SAID, for approximately two years as both were employed as machine operators at Michael Ganguin, Incorporated, 53 West Union Street, Pasadena, California; however, SAID quit his job about three weeks ago.

CAPURRO advised he and SAID often engaged in discussions relating to world affairs; however, SAID never made any statements which would indicate any anti-American views. He recalled that during the Arab-Israeli war in 1967, SAID voiced pro-Arab feelings but he was never critical of U. S. actions.

On 6/17/68 at Altadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 477 -

by SA ORLEY A. LEESON, JR./sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/20/68

HARRY SHAKER, owner of Shaker's Oasis Restaurant and Bar, 6756 Hollywood Boulevard, advised that ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, had been employed at that restaurant for about four weeks. He stated that ADEL worked as a musician on Friday and Saturday nights.

SHAKER advised he had never had any discussion with ADEL concerning things not connected with his work, and that he had never heard him express any political views or ideologies. He stated that he had never met ADEL's brother, SIRHAN SIRHAN.

On 6/19/68 at Hollywood, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 478 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./clp Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

CARLOS G. NOWAKOWSKI, 4020 Midland Street, Apartment 4, Los Angeles, advised that he was employed at ITT Cannon Electric, 3208 Humboldt Street, Los Angeles, and had been so employed for the last two years. He stated that SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed by Cannon Electric.

NOWAKOWSKI stated that SHARIF was a very quiet individual, seldom talked to anyone while on the job and many times acted like he had a problem. It was known that SHARIF was interested in horse racing and most of his co-workers felt that this was his problem.

NOWAKOWSKI stated that for the first few days after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY, SHARIF was not at work. He also advised that on June 10, 1968, he, NOWAKOWSKI, was in an automobile accident and he has not worked since that date. In view of this, he has not seen nor talked with SHARIF since the shooting. NOWAKOWSKI stated that he was not acquainted with any of the rest of the SIRHAN family and did not even know how many there were in the family. NOWAKOWSKI advised that he had no information concerning the shooting of Senator KENNEDY and knew nothing whatsoever about it.

On 6/18/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 479 -

by SA WILLIAM R. WHITE/kaf Date dictated 6/18/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
JOS/sro

BACKGROUND CONCERNING
SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

1

On June 11, 1968, Mr. RALPH W. HORNBECK, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Pasadena Unified School District, stated he was the principal at Longfellow Elementary School, 1065 East Washington Street, Pasadena, in 1958 and 1959.

He recalled at this time, SIRHAN SIRHAN was in the seventh or eighth grade at Marshall Jr. High School in Pasadena, and his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, was a student at Longfellow School. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN transferred from Marshall to Eliot Jr. High School later on because his family had moved. MUNIR would get into trouble from time to time, mainly for fighting with other students who teased him about his name, and the fact that he was foreign. At this time, Mrs. MARY SIRHAN spoke very little English, according to SIRHAN, who took it upon himself to visit Mr. HORNBECK on several occasions to discuss his brother. He stated SIRHAN continually emphasized the honor of his family and stated it was important to preserve this, which he felt MUNIR was threatening by his actions. Mr. HORNBECK recalled SIRHAN as very intense and said SIRHAN would visit him from time to time without any particular incident having occurred in which MUNIR was involved. Mr. HORNBECK could not recall whether SIRHAN visited him during more than one school year, but stated he had never seen SIRHAN after MUNIR left the school in which he was the principal.

Mr. HORNBECK did not recall ever talking to Mrs. SIRHAN and said if he did, it was very briefly.

Mr. HORNBECK stated it was possible, concerning SIRHAN's alleged shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, that in SIRHAN's mind, his action was a matter of honor regarding his people or his beliefs, and would be the type who would totally ignore the opinion of the millions who would condemn his act, if he felt he was acting honorably.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 481 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/pih Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/10/68

On June 10, 1968, Mrs. EUNICE ELLIS, Vice Principal, Charles W. Eliot Junior High School, 2184 North Lake Street, Altadena, California, advised any records pertaining to SIRHAN SIRHAN or his attendance at the school would be at the Pasadena Education Center, 351 South Hudson Street, Pasadena, and she had received instructions from Mr. JOHN HARRIS of that office to refer all inquiries concerning SIRHAN to that office. Mrs ELLIS had no information concerning the current whereabouts of an instructor by the name of Mrs. (FIRST NAME UNKNOWN) FITZGERALD, who had taught at that school. She advised that SAMUEL SOGHOMONIAN, who used to teach there, was presently teaching at Pasadena City College.

On 6/10/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 482 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/kaf Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

1

On June 11, 1968, Dr. JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator for Personnel Records, Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson Avenue, Pasadena, advised he had a record of a teacher named Mrs. LOUISE S. FITZGERALD, 1307 Eastlyn Place, Pasadena, who was presently teaching at Pasadena High School. He stated she might be identical with one of SIRHAN SIRHAN's teachers when he was attending Eliot Jr. High School, 2184 West Lake Street, Altadena, California.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 483 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/pih Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

1

On June 11, 1968, Mr. SAMUEL SOGHOMONIAN, Social Science teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised he had taught SIRHAN SIRHAN in English and Social Studies for ten hours a week during the 1959-1960 school year when SIRHAN was attending Eliot Jr. High School, 2184 North Lake Street, Altadena, California. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated that at that time, Eliot was a 100% Caucasian school and as a result, SIRHAN, being of swarthy complexion and foreign, stood out. He was more or less a loner but very obedient and tractable. He was motivated, and did well academically. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN considered SIRHAN to be intense and with good self-discipline. The other students teased SIRHAN somewhat, and did not mingle too much with him. This did not seem to bother SIRHAN and in fact reinforced his feeling of superiority over the average student. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated that he was of Armenian extraction and was quite friendly with SIRHAN, understanding his problem as a foreigner. He stated a possible reason for SIRHAN's action in shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY might be based in his background of Arab culture, as the Arabs are a very intense and loyal people, with a strong drive to accomplish that in which they believe. He believed their old fashioned philosophy of an "eye for an eye" might have made it logical in SIRHAN's mind to act as he did. Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stressed that this was only surmise on his part.

Mr. SOGHOMONIAN stated he had not seen or heard from SIRHAN after 1960, and was not aware he had attended Pasadena City College. He knew of no Arab club or group of any kind on the campus, but stated he was aware there were such clubs on the campuses of California State College, Los Angeles; University of Southern California; and University of California at Los Angeles.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 484 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/pih Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

1

On June 14, 1968, Mrs. LOUISE FITZGERALD, teacher at Pasadena High School, Pasadena, California, advised she recalled having taught English to SIRHAN SIRHAN at Eliot Junior High School, Altadena, California, in the school year 1959-1960. She stated she did not really recall him as an individual, but knew a boy by that name had been in her class. She stated she had never seen SIRHAN since that time, and had no information concerning him.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 485 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/rem Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

JOHN T. HARRIS, Coordinator, Student Personnel Records, Pasadena Unified School District, 351 South Hudson, furnished the following list of instructors at John Muir High School who had taught SIRHAN SIRHAN:

Tenth grade instructors

Mr. MARCUS YOUNG
(California Cadet Corp)

Mr. KEITH MC KAY
(English and Social Studies)

Mr. JOHN DICKERHOFF
(Crafts)

Dr. NATALIE GUNKEL
(German)

Mrs. VELMA MARLOW
(Algebra)

Eleventh grade instructors

Mr. MARCUS YOUNG
(California Cadet Corp)

Mr. CARL HEDEEN
(Russian)

Mr. JODY STARBUCK
(German)

Teachers of English, History and Physiology are not available in our office. These must be identified from class roll books at Muir High School, Office of Dr. VENABLE, Principal.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 486 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/clp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Twelfth grade instructors	Mr. MARCUS YOUNG (California Cadet Corp)
	Mr. JODY STARBUCK (German)
	Mr. CARL HEDEEN (Russian)
	Mr. JOSEPH ZERONIAN (English essentials)
	Mr. WILBUR NIXON (Plain Geometry)
	Mr. CHARLES HALL (Senior Social Studies)

HARRIS advised that JOHN MC FARLAND had been SIRHAN's counselor during SIRHAN's sophomore year at John Muir.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/14/68

Mr. MARCUS LE GRAND YOUNG, who resides at 11062 East Andrews Street, South El Monte, California, was interviewed at the John Muir High School in Pasadena, California. Mr. YOUNG advised that he is a teacher in history at that high school and that he is also the Commander of the Cadet Corps. He explained that the Cadet Corps at John Muir High School is similar to a high school ROTC program, except that it is run and financed by the state instead of the Federal Government. He also stated that the Cadet Corps is under the direction of the California State Adjutant General and receives the money for equipment and uniforms and supplies through the State National Guard and Adjutant General's Office. He further stated that in this Cadet Corps, the boys receive basic military training in such fields as drill, including the Manual of Arms, military courtesy, first aid, camouflage, map reading and a brief explanation of firearm safety.

YOUNG advised that he could remember that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had been a member of this Cadet Corps for the three years that he had attended John Muir High School, and he remembered him as a better than average cadet with a good attitude who accepted discipline well and showed potential and ability in administrative positions. He said that SIRHAN was probably a sergeant in the Cadet Corps at the time of his graduation. He stated that he remembered SIRHAN to be a serious individual but did not consider him to be sullen or moody and he certainly would not have thought him to be an individual of a violent nature. He said that he could not remember any display of temper on the part of SIRHAN towards any other student and, to his knowledge, SIRHAN got along well with his fellow corps members and other students and appeared to be a very nice person.

YOUNG advised that in connection with the Cadet Corps, some of the boys who were chosen to be on the Rifle Team were afforded the opportunity for training and practice with the .22 caliber rifle, however, he advised that SIRHAN

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 488 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./asi Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

had not been a member of this Rifle Team and, therefore, did not receive any training whatsoever in the use of firearms, with the exception of possibly a trip once or twice a year to the National Guard Armory where all of the cadets were permitted to fire a few rounds with the .22 caliber rifle. He added that none of the cadets were given any training whatsoever in the use of pistols of any type.

YOUNG advised that he could not recall ever having had a conversation with SIRHAN in which politics or ideologies were discussed and he stated that he had never heard SIRHAN make any violent or inflammatory comments directed towards any group or any individual.

YOUNG advised that should any pertinent information come to his recollection, he would immediately contact the Los Angeles FBI Office and furnish this information to them.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

Mr. JODY A. STARBUCK, Instructor, Blair High School, Pasadena, and who resides at 3663 Del Mar Boulevard, Pasadena, advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN had been a student in STARBUCK's German class when STARBUCK taught at John Muir High School from 1961 to 1963. STARBUCK advised that he could only comment on SIRHAN's behavior when SIRHAN was in the classroom. STARBUCK advised that SIRHAN was an extemely quiet person, not sullen and very proper. STARBUCK stated that he had thought that SIRHAN had gone to a British school because all his answers were either "Yes Sir" or "No Sir". STARBUCK stated that SIRHAN always had his homework completed and seem conscientious in this regard.

STARBUCK advised that he had never engaged SIRHAN in a personal conversation and could make no further comments about SIRHAN.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 490 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/clp Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/14/68

Mr. WILBUR W. NIXON, who resides at 435 South Hudson Street, Apartment 6, Pasadena, telephone number 792-1382, was interviewed at the Pasadena High School, 2925 East Sierra Madre Boulevard, Pasadena, California, and he advised that he had previously taught at the John Muir High School in Pasadena, at the time that SIRHAN B. SIRHAN had attended that school.

NIXON advised that he remembered having SIRHAN in a tenth grade geometry class but that he could remember very little else about SIRHAN. He stated that when he heard the name on television in connection with the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he remembered vaguely having had this individual as one of his students.

He further stated that he anticipated being interviewed by someone concerning SIRHAN, so he had looked up his records for that period of time and determined that SIRHAN had been an average student with whom he had apparently had no disciplinary problem.

NIXON advised that he could not remember ever having a conversation with SIRHAN concerning anything but the course and that he could furnish no information concerning SIRHAN's personality or beliefs.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 491 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./asi Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

Mrs. JEAN O. MORE, Records Clerk, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, advised that the Senior High Program Card for SIRHAN SIRHAN shows that Mrs. CLAIR SCHWARTZ was the eleventh grade English teacher, DARWIN RUSSELL was the eleventh grade Physiology teacher, and ALBERT RAZUM had taught eleventh grade history. MORE further stated that the Program Card contained the handwriting of SIRHAN SIRHAN.

Mrs. MORE stated that the Program Card is given to the student the first day of every semester. She advised that this card lists each student's individual courses and that the student must take the card to each course instructor and have the card signed by that instructor. She advised that the student fills in the date at the left hand corner, marks whether they have a parent or guardian and writes their parent's or guardian's name. She advised that the student has the card during the day while in each class. She advised that at the end of the day the student returns to his first period class and returns the card to the instructor. She advised that the instructor then inspects the card to make sure that all instructors have signed the card and that the student has filled in the appropriate blank.

Mrs. MORE stated that she did not see SIRHAN sign the Program Card.

Mrs. MORE furnished the original copies of two Pasadena City Schools, Pasadena, California, Senior High Program Card dated September 11, 1961 and January 29, 1962, for SIRHAN SIRHAN. A receipt was given for the two documents.

The original documents are maintained in Los Angeles files.

On 6/11/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 492 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/clp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

Dr. JOHN VENABLE, Principal, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, advised that during March of 1962, an unauthorized publication called the "Opinion" began to appear at the high school. Dr. VENABLE stated that the "Opinion" came into being to protest the lack of student government at the high school and the inadequacy of the existing student government constitution. Dr. VENABLE advised that the editor of the "Opinion" was never discovered, although various students were believed to be writers. Dr. VENABLE stated that two issues were published in March of 1962 and that the newspaper did not appear after graduation in 1962. Dr. VENABLE advised that the "Opinion" did not involve itself with much more than the issue of student government and would occasionally print letters from students and reprint articles.

Dr. VENABLE advised that in the March 30th, 1962, issue, the four names, KEITH MC CORMICK, BRYANT MYERS, STEPHEN WHITE, and PAT FERGUSON, which appear in different parts of the paper, were students at John Muir at that time. Dr. VENABLE stated that his records clerk would have more accurate information about these individuals than he could recall.

On 6/18/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 493 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/sro Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

Mrs. JEAN O. MORE, Records Clerk, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, advised that records at John Muir High School reflect the following information:

KEITH PHILIP MC CORMICK, date of birth December 9, 1944, address 630 East Calaveras, Altadena, California; graduated June 1962, ranked in top twenty-five percent of class, grade point average (GPA) 3.36.

BRYANT MEYERS, date of birth January 27, 1945, address 4201 North Mesa Vista Drive, La Canada, California; graduated June 1962, in top ten percent of class, GPA 3.66.

STEPHEN JOSEPH WHITE, date of birth July 18, 1946, address 961 Alta Vista Drive, Pasadena, California; graduated June 1964, number one in class of 1,014, GPA 4.00.

PATRICIA NEIL FERGUSON, date of birth August 9, 1944, address 4275 Chevy Chase Drive, La Canada, California; graduated June 1962, ranked 46th out of 897 students, GPA 3.73.

Mrs. MORE advised that all four of these students were known by her while they attended John Muir High School. She advised that these individuals were the outstanding students in the school because of their involvement in all phases of student activity. She advised that these individuals were very intelligent and because they were in numerous activities, usually expressed their opinions about school issues. She stated that the student newspaper, "Blazer", and other publications, including the "Opinion", often mentioned these persons, both pro and con, and that it was not uncommon that their names would appear in the "Opinion"

On 6/18/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 494 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/sro Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

CHARLES D. HALL, Instructor, John Muir High School, 1905 Lincoln, and who resides at 920 Cynthia, Pasadena, advised that although school records reflect SIRHAN SIRHAN as being a student in one of his Social Studies classes, HALL could not recall any details about SIRHAN.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 495 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/clp Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/15/68

Mrs. CLAIR SCHWARTZ, English instructor, Blair High School, Pasadena, California, was contacted at her residence, 1320 El Cerrito Circle, South Pasadena, California, telephone Number 255-7864, to arrange an interview in regard to SIRHAN SIRHAN being enrolled in her eleventh grade English class in 1962 at John Muir High School in Pasadena. At this time, Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised that when the newspapers carried the story she had checked the high school records to determine if she had taught SIRHAN. Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised that although she had taught SIRHAN, she could not recall him specifically, for he appeared to be neither a very good student or a very bad student. Mrs. SCHWARTZ stated that she had probably checked many of his composition papers, but she could not recall their contents due to the length of time involved and the many students she has had in the intervening six years. Mrs. SCHWARTZ advised she would not be able to observe handwriting samples and state that they were nor were not written by SIRHAN. Mrs. SCHWARTZ stated she could not recall anything specific about SIRHAN.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 496 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/sro Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

DAVID OVERHOLT STEVENS, SR., history student, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, appeared at the FBI Office and furnished the following information concerning SIRHAN B. SIRHAN:

STEVENS stated that he was casually acquainted with SIRHAN at John Muir High School, Pasadena, California, during the school year of 1962-63. STEVENS was a junior and SIRHAN was a senior. He described SIRHAN as a Palestinian Arab believed to have been born in Palestine or some other Arab State. He recalled that SIRHAN at that time was bitterly opposed to and hated Jews particularly Zionist. According to STEVENS, SIRHAN listened to Radio Havana and he believed him to be pro-Castro at that time. He is not aware of any organizational affiliations of SIRHAN and he has no indication that SIRHAN is a Communist. He has not seen SIRHAN since 1963 and is not acquainted with members of his family.

STEVENS stated that one THOMAS D.GOOD, age 23, was a close friend of SIRHAN in high school and may be able to furnish information concerning SIRHAN's political views and a possible motive for the attempted assassination of Senator KENNEDY. STEVENS recalled that GOOD resided in the 1300 block of Elizabeth Street, east of Lake Avenue and just off Hill Avenue, Pasadena, California, where he had an unlisted telephone number. GOOD reportedly graduated from San Jose State College, San Jose, in 1967.

On 6/5/68 at Palo Alto, California File # LA 56-156 SF 62-5481

- 497 -

by SA ROBERT E. THAU:dp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

Mr. DARWIN R. RUSSELL, 1001 Altadena Drive, Apartment 5, Pasadena, California, advised he had taught SIRHAN SIRHAN United States History when he was in the 11th grade at John Muir High School, Pasadena, California in 1962. RUSSELL stated he recalled SIRHAN well and considered him very polite, reserved and sensitive. SIRHAN did not have a language problem. RUSSELL recalled no political or social discussions with SIRHAN. He believed, but was not certain, that there was a boy named TOM GOOD in the same class with SIRHAN, however, he believed he recalled that GOOD and SIRHAN were close friends. He stated GOOD was very anti-government and the closest to being an anarchist in type of any boy of that age he had taught. GOOD's father was reportedly a disabled civil service employee and TOM and his family were apparently bitter as they felt his father had been cheated in his settlement made with the government. GOOD did not like to abide by the rules and was frequently in difficulty. RUSSELL recalled GOOD's favorite authors were ERIC FROMM and ALBERT CAMUS, whom he believed was a French - Algerian writer of a Revolutionary type. He considered GOOD to have been unusually aware politically at that age and believed that if GOOD had been a close friend he could have possibly influenced SIRHAN in his political development.

Mr. RUSSELL stated he had not seen SIRHAN after teaching him in the 11th grade.

On 6/12/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA WALTER M. BRADY and SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON LDJ/nmb Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

THOMAS D. GOOD was located at his place of residence, a rooming house at 22 South 11th Street, San Jose, at approximately 1:30 P.M., June 13, 1968. The interviewing agents identified themselves to GOOD through display of FBI credentials. GOOD advised SAs KIDWELL and SAMPLE that he would not be able to talk to them without first consulting his attorney, one AUBREY GROSSMAN, of San Francisco.

GOOD stated that he would attempt to reach his attorney by telephone and get an opinion from him regarding an interview with FBI agents. He placed a long-distance call to San Francisco with Agents SAMPLE and KIDWELL present, and was informed that Mr. GROSSMAN was not available. SA KIDWELL asked GOOD if the name SIRHAN SIRHAN was familiar to him. GOOD responded that he recognized the name. SA KIDWELL asked him if the name was familiar to him over and above what he had read recently in the press. GOOD replied that it was.

SA KIDWELL informed GOOD that the interviewing agents desired to discuss SIRHAN SIRHAN with him. GOOD stated that even though the topic of interview was to be in connection with his knowledge of SIRHAN SIRHAN, he still would need the approval of his attorney before being interviewed. In conclusion, he stated that he would attempt again to reach Mr. GROSSMAN during the afternoon of June 13, 1968, and upon receiving Mr. GROSSMAN's opinion in this matter, would immediately recontact FBI agents.

499

On 6/13/68 at San Jose, California File # 62-5481

by WILLIAM N. KIDWELL, JR. & MALCOLM E. SAMPLE, JR. Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. HAROLD J. BENSON, who resides at 3180 Crestford Drive, Altadena, California, phone No. 797-0628, was interviewed at Pasadena City College (PCC) where he is an instructor in the Physiology Department.

BENSON advised that he remembered having SIRHAN SIRHAN as a student in one of his classes while he was at PCC. He stated that SIRHAN sat at a table by himself in the classroom and that he did not appear to attempt to mix with the other students although he was always pleasant, and smiling and treated everyone with courtesy and respect. He advised that during the time SIRHAN was in his class he was not even aware of SIRHAN's nationality and that he did not ever have any discussion of politics or ideologies nor did he ever hear anyone else discussing these things with SIRHAN.

BENSON advised that SIRHAN was an average, or slightly above average student, who was very consistent in his work with perfect attendance and that he did not remember any type of disciplinary problem ever arising. He stated that he certainly would never have thought SIRHAN to be an individual of a violent nature as he always seemed to be even-tempered.

He advised that he did not know of any close association between SIRHAN and any of the other students in the classes and that he, BENSON, never saw him except in the classroom on a teacher-student basis. He stated further that he had no contact with SIRHAN after the semester in which SIRHAN was a student in his class.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 500 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./sdb/clp Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

1

On June 14, 1968, Miss NINA TIHOMIROV, Russian teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised she recalled teaching Russian to SIRHAN SIRHAN in the fall of 1964 and the spring of 1965. She stated SIRHAN was not a very good student, although he appeared to have a natural ear for languages. She said he was frequently absent from class, and always had an excuse relating to working too hard, and part of the time because his sister was dying. She did not recall what his employment was. She stated she gave SIRHAN a grade of D in his first semester of work, and in the second semester, finally dismissed him from class due to lack of attendance. She recalled that as she was dismissing him, she learned he was being dismissed from school for general non-attendance. She stated she had never had any discussions with SIRHAN regarding his political or social ideas. She said he was a very nice, friendly person who was always polite, who sat in the front row in her class and was attentive. She had no further information concerning SIRHAN or why he might have been involved in the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 501 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/rem Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

Mrs. ANNABEL COONEY, Room 129 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 787 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, advised that both she and her husband, MICHAEL COONEY, reside approximately one block from the SIRHAN residence. Mrs. COONEY advised that neither she nor her husband ever knew the SIRHAN family, but that occasionally a young boy by the name of MUNIR would ride his bicycle up and down the street in front of the COONEY residence and occasionally would drive into the driveway and say hello in a neighborly fashion. Mrs. COONEY advised that the boy had never been in her home and that the conversations between them never went any further than an occasional hello.

She stated that it was rumored in the neighborhood, as told to her by her husband, that a few years ago, in approximately 1965 or 1966, this young boy MUNIR left home to live with an older woman, reportedly twice his age. Mrs. COONEY stated at that time that it was believed by both she and her husband that the boy could not have been any older than 15 years of age. It was later rumored that there was a death in the family, a sister, and that MUNIR was so upset at the loss that it shocked him into returning to the family. Mrs. COONEY advised that as far as she knows this boy has never wandered from his parents' home since. She advised that she has never seen any other member of the family and that she never saw the boy MUNIR since his reported return. Her only knowledge of him was as a young boy riding his bicycle on the block.

Mrs. COONEY advised that she was unaware of the fact that MUNIR had an older brother and that she does not remember having SIRHAN SIRHAN in her English class at anytime. Mrs. COONEY furnished her seating chart for the fall semester of 1964 and advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not listed as a student of hers during that semester.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 502 -

by SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mrs. COONEY stated that should she, through review of seating charts, establish that she had SIRHAN SIRHAN as a student she would immediately advise the FBI.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/18/68

Mrs. NORMA G. SULLIVAN, Room 11 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 1165 Dover Way, Monterey Park, California, advised that she does remember SIRHAN SIRHAN in her Spring 1965 English class. Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that she recognized his picture on television and in the newspapers but knows nothing of the boy since he rarely attended class and either dropped out or was dismissed from the college during that same semester.

Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that she knew of no associates or any friendships which SIRHAN might have had. Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that although SIRHAN had been at Pasadena City College for more than a year, he could still be taking first year English due to the fact that it is not required for graduation and can be taken at the students' option anytime while enrolled.

Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that had she had SIRHAN in her reading course she might have known more about him since it is smaller and what she termed as intimate. The English 1A class is large and very impersonal and since SIRHAN attended infrequently, she knew nothing more about him other than to recognize his picture and his name.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 504 -

by SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/17/68

Mr. LEONARD C. PERRY, who resides at 6268 North San Gabriel Boulevard, Altadena, California, phone No. 287-3241, was interviewed at Pasadena City College (PCC) where he is an instructor in the Speech and Communications Department.

PERRY advised that he has been an instructor at PCC for approximately eight years and that he holds the position of Associate Professor. He stated that he could remember the name SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN having been one of his students in 1963, but that he could remember nothing else about this individual and was sure that he would not recognize him if he were to see him on the street. He advised that with the number of classes and students in each class it was impossible for him to become too well acquainted with any of his students.

PERRY stated that the course SIRHAN took from him was called Basic Communication and was a course required for all Freshmen at PCC. He explained that it was basically an orientation to the college atmosphere with aptitude and other type tests furnished the students to help them discover their interests and determine their fields of study.

PERRY stated that he could furnish no information concerning the personality or ideology. of SIRHAN.

On 6/14/68 Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 505 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./sdb Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. PAUL SHER, Instructor, Pasadena City College (PCC), Room 213-C, who resides at 765 La Mirada Avenue, San Marino, California, advised that he believed that SIRHAN SIRHAN dropped his course in history in the fall of 1963. SHER advised that to the best of his recollection, he had written absent slips on SIRHAN because SIRHAN never attended the class and that later SIRHAN was withdrawn from the course.

SHER advised that if he were mistaken and SIRHAN did complete the course, SHER could not remember anything about him.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 506 -

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/sro Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. J. ROBERT TREVOR, Room 137 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 665 Westbridge Place, Pasadena, California, advised that he has no recollection of having ever had SIRHAN SIRHAN in any of his English classes. TREVOR advised that all the records had been turned in to the Record Department of the college at the end of each semester and that he has no record from which to refresh his memory. He stated that should he remember who SIRHAN was or anything about him he would immediately contact the FBI.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 507 -

by SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mrs. ALBERTA CRAGGETT, Room 117 C, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, residence address 2659 Calenda Street, Altadena, advised that she has no recollection of having ever had SIRHAN SIRHAN in any of her English classes. CRAGGETT advised that all the records had been turned in to the Record Department of the college at the end of each semester and that she has no record from which to refresh her memory. She stated that should she remember who SIRHAN was or anything about him she would immediately contact the FBI.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 508 -

by SA EUGENE B. MC CARTHY/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/24/68

Mr. NORMAN H. WAKEMAN, 2205 Mendocino Lane, advised that he is a teacher of biology at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California. He stated that according to the school records there was a student in his class in the fall semester, 1964, by the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN; however, WAKEMAN stated that he did not remember this individual at all and could furnish no information concerning him, other than the fact that, according to the college records, he had been an average student.

On 6/20/68 at Altadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 509 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS, JR./kaf Date dictated 6/24/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

JEANNETTE D. STRAWN, Instructor, Pasadena City College, Room 213-C, who resides at 1260 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, California, advised that she could not recall SIRHAN SIRHAN although she was certain SIRHAN had been a student in one of her history classes. She advised she thought he had been a quite withdrawn person but she could provide no other information regarding SIRHAN.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD H. ROSS/sro - 510 - Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

1

On June 14, 1968, Mr. ALVAR KAUTI, instructor at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, advised his records reflect he had taught a course in Health Education to SIRHAN SIRHAN in the fall of 1963. He stated he had no personal recollection of SIRHAN, and had no information concerning him.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 511 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/rem Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

1

On June 17, 1968, Mrs. MAURICE DUNN, retired former teacher at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, who resides at 135 Harkness Street, Apartment E, Pasadena, advised she had no personal recollection of teaching SIRHAN SIRHAN ballroom dancing (under a classification of Physical Education) at the college in the fall of 1963. She stated her classes in ballroom dancing often numbered as many as 300 members, and she had no personal recollection of SIRHAN of any sort.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/rem - 512 - Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

Mrs. SENSON, former landlady of JOHN H. WALKER, who taught English to SIRHAN SIRHAN at Pasadena City College, Pasadena, California, in the spring of 1965, advised WALKER had enrolled at Leeds College, London, England, for two years of graduate work in English. Mrs. SENSON believed WALKER would have just finished his two years at the present time, and had no knowledge of his present whereabouts.

On 6/14/68 at South Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 513 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON/sro Date dictated 6/19/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

KEITH A. YOUNG, home address 400 South Myrtlewood Street, West Covina, California, was interviewed at his place of business, the American Oil Station which he leases, located at 797 East Mission Boulevard, Pomona, California, and furnished the following information:

YOUNG advised, during the latter part of 1963 and the early part of 1964, exact month unknown, he was employed by CLARENCE COPPING at the Elite Motor Service, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California. YOUNG went on to say that, during 1964, CLARENCE COPPING sold the Elite Motor Service to one JACK DAVIES, who operated this business as the Jack Davies' Richfield Station and he was also employed by DAVIES on a part-time basis during the latter part of 1964.

YOUNG advised that, while working for CLARENCE COPPING and JACK DAVIES at the same place of business located at 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, he first came into contact with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. YOUNG advised that he first met SIRHAN while working for CLARENCE COPPING. He advised that, on one occasion, he worked with SIRHAN, the reason being SIRHAN was to take over the night shift and YOUNG's job was to break in SIRHAN on the night shift. YOUNG advised that, on this occasion, he recalls SIRHAN telling him that he was from Jordan and he asked SIRHAN if Jordan was a good country to live in, and SIRHAN told him Jordan was one of the best places in the world. He advised that SIRHAN then asked him what he thought about the United States and he told SIRHAN that the United States was no doubt the best country in the world, and he recalls SIRHAN stating "Like hell, it is". YOUNG advised that at this time he discontinued his conversation with SIRHAN and they never had any further discussions. He advised that at no time did he ever have any political discussion with SIRHAN or have much to do with SIRHAN after having heard him make this statement, which was sometime during the latter part of 1963 or early 1964. YOUNG advised that, to his knowledge, SIRHAN did not have any

---

On 6/12/68 at Pomona, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 514 -

by SAs ROLAND H. BROYLES & ALLEN K. TOLEN/AKT/vjh Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

friends and he never met any of his relatives or saw him with any girls. He advised that, when SIRHAN was not working, he would sometimes drop by the station but never seemed to talk to anyone.

YOUNG further advised that during 1964 he can recall that SIRHAN purchased a 1956 pink and white DeSoto, name of the previous owner unknown, but believes SIRHAN paid $150.00 for this automobile. YOUNG added that, although he was not fond of SIRHAN because of the statement he had made during their only discussion, he described SIRHAN as having an excellent personality, a very good worker, and any time he was told to do something at work he always responded to it immediately. He advised that SIRHAN did not seem to be a violent person and, when he was informed by ROGER MOORE that the individual who shot Senator KENNEDY was SIRHAN, it was hard for him to believe.

YOUNG added that he would not know of anyone who would have been close to SIRHAN and the best way he could describe him was as being a loner. He advised that the last time he saw SIRHAN was during the first part of 1966 when he was at the Jack Davies' Richfield Station visiting with JACK DAVIES and he recalls speaking to SIRHAN and SIRHAN saying hello. He advised that SIRHAN at this time did not seem to be any different from the last time he had seen him and seemed to be the same quiet person.

YOUNG stated that he never was aware that SIRHAN had ridden horses or worked at any type of race track until he read it in the paper after the shooting of Senator KENNEDY.

YOUNG advised that, during the time he knew SIRHAN, he never observed SIRHAN with any type of weapon and, from his relationship with SIRHAN, he was under the impression that SIRHAN would not be the type of person to participate in any type of violence.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

ROGER GLEN MOORE, 977 Lewiston, Duarte, advised that he is presently living at this address with his sister-in-law, SHERRY RAY. He was born November 21, 1935 in Clay County, West Virginia, was in the U. S. Army from February 1954 to April 1963 and was assigned Serial No. 05 405 761.

MOORE advised that he worked as a mechanic for Jack Davies Garage, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, from August or September 1963 until June 1966, at which time he left this employment. He said that he worked the day shift and, while there, came to know SIRHAN B. SIRHAN who was also working for DAVIES in the service station section of this business. MOORE said that he believes SIRHAN was a part-time employee and employed also at night inasmuch as he, SIRHAN, was attending Pasadena City College.

MOORE said that he recalls having worked on an old car of SIRHAN's, a "Cadillac", but that he and SIRHAN never became particularly friendly during the time both were employed at this business nor did they socialize. He stated that on occasion he and SIRHAN may have had a beer at the station after the station had closed but they never went out together.

MOORE said that, as best as he could recall, SIRHAN did not socialize with anyone and that he, SIRHAN, did not have friends come by the station to visit him. He recalls SIRHAN as a regular and steady worker and that he did not cause any problems while he, MOORE, knew him. MOORE said that he and SIRHAN never had any political discussions whatsoever and that he cannot recall SIRHAN ever having made any remarks whatsoever which could be construed as being against the United States. He said that he did not even recall SIRHAN's nationality.

On 6/12/68 at Pomona, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA ROLAND H. BROYLES/vjh - 516 - Date dictated 6/12/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MOORE said that, after he left DAVIES' employment in June 1966, shortly afterward he did ride to the Hollywood Race Track with SIRHAN one day, but he could not recall anything regarding this time together other than the fact that he does recall that he did not like SIRHAN's freeway driving. He said that he has seen SIRHAN only one time subsequent to this, which was in January 1967 at the Santa Anita Race Track, but that he and SIRHAN did not engage in any conversation at this time.

MOORE said that he could not recall anyone who might have been close to SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

GORDON HOUGH, 1009 South 5th Street, Alhambra, California, phone 282-6982, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

He is the owner and operator of the Hough Patrol Service. He recalls that in 1965, he was servicing the Jack Davies Richfield Service Station at 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, California, which station he continues to service. HOUGH could recall only one individual who could have been involved in any verbal argument with an employee at the above station. He stated this man's name is CORNELIUS H. CARROLL. HOUGH advised that CARROLL has not been in his employ for several years and that he did not know his current residence. However, the last location that HOUGH was aware of was 729 Locust, Pasadena, California. He said that he had had complaints in the past concerning CARROLL and arguments that he had engaged in while in HOUGH's employ. HOUGH knew of no other employee who had ever had any arguments with customers.

On 6/17/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 518 -

by SA E. RHEAD RICHARDS; SA G. J. MOOREHEAD GJM:lcw Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

CORNELIUS H. CARROLL, 1266 Bresee, Pasadena, California, telephone 797-7127, provided the following information:

He is presently employed as a guard at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California, and has been so employed for approximately one year. He recalled that he had worked for the Hcugh Patrol Service in 1965 and said that he recalled making calls to the Jack Davies Richfield Service Saation, 2529 East Foothill Boulevard, Pasadena, during the course of such employment. He said that it is his recollection that he has never seen SIRHAN B. SIRHAN and did not recognize pictures of SIRHAN that were shown to him. CARROLL said that he did not recall ever having a verbal argument with any person at the above service station and knew of no one who might have.

On 6/21/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 519 -

by SA G. J. MOOREHEAD:gcw Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mrs. DONALD BOYKO (ELSIE) resides with her family at 1545 East Mountain Avenue, Pasadena, California. She is 42 years of age. She is nominal Vice President of D-B Electronics Company, a firm which her husband previously owned and now manages. Mrs. BOYKO was born in Lodi, California, attended College of the Pacific and Walla Walla College in that city. She is active in the affairs of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and has been a member of this church since childhood. Mrs. BOYKO has lived at the above address for six years, and previously resided at 15½ El Dorado Place in Arcadia, California.

In 1956, Mr. and Mrs. BOYKO met a Jordanian student named ABDUL MJED DOBASS, a visitor to the United States who was sponsored for study here by some neighbors. She had known DOBASS as a student, but has not seen him during the past four or five years. He has remained in the United States, married, and become a United States citizen. She does not know his present whereabouts.

Mrs. BOYKO first met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN shortly after Christmas of 1967, when she went to work as a saleslady in a health foods store owned by JOHN WEIDNER at 1380 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena. SIRHAN, whom she referred to as SAUL, was already working in the store as stock clerk and delivery boy. WEIDNER owns two other health food stores, one in Monterey Park which is known as "Monterey Nutrition" and another in Downey, California, on Florence Avenue (name unrecalled). In addition to his duties as a store clerk, SAUL would drive WEIDNER's station wagon to make deliveries between the stores. She knew SIRHAN from December 1967 to March 1968, when he left WEIDNER's employ because of daily differences between them. When he was at the store, she would talk to him during slack business times and found him to be a serious, sensitive person and one with strong feelings. From the beginning of their association, she made it clear that she would not and could not discuss the politics of his country and

---

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA J. ROBERT SULLIVAN and SA PHILIP J. REILLY/PJR/HMS - 520 - Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

that of the Near East because she did not wish to and was not sufficiently versed in this subject, but told him that she would talk to him about religion and he very eagerly accepted this arrangement. He told her that he was very much interested in religion - all religions and was making a comparative study of religion. In this connection, Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN's mother had been attending her church (Seventh Day Adventist) in Pasadena for a couple of months prior to her meeting SIRHAN, but she did not know her until some time later when SIRHAN attended this church with his mother. He did not attend often, perhaps three or four times, then dropped out. His mother ceased attendance about a month after (February 1968). Mrs. BOYKO has never met any other members of the SIRHAN family.

Mrs. BOYKO said she understood that during part of the time that SIRHAN worked for WEIDNER, he took some religious instruction from a relative of WEIDNER's who was living in Pasadena at the time with his wife and was visiting the West Coast. This person's name was _____ PETERS, an older man who originally came out to California from Wisconsin and has since returned. The instruction Mr. PETERS gave to SIRHAN was in Bible Study. Mr. PETERS is a minister in the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wisconsin (place unrecalled).

It is Mrs. BOYKO's further reflection that Mr. PETERS was highly incensed at JOHN WEIDNER's alleged harsh treatment of SIRHAN. He indicated to Mrs. BOYKO that WEIDNER's treatment of SIRHAN was undoing any good effort he could make with the boy, from the standpoint of religious instruction

Mrs. BOYKO feels she had a good relationship with SIRHAN and he seemed to like her. They talked of many things - nothing of a serious nature - none of a political nature. Through these conversations and other events that transpired in the store (his relationship with WEIDNER), Mrs. BOYKO gained something of an insight into his character. For example, she soon learned that he harbored a great envy for the good fortunes of others. He said he did not like wealthy people. She cited as an example of his dislike NELSON ROCKEFELLER who he said had too much wealth. He did not mention ROBERT KENNEDY in this connection and never mentioned his name to Mrs. BOYKO's knowledge. It was in this connection - in his comments about wealth and his dislike for

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

wealthy people-that he mentioned, inferentially, his dislike for Jews. He did not mention these things with any discernible emotion, but she remembers them from parts of his conversations.

SIRHAN's relationship with JOHN WEIDNER, in Mrs. BOYKO's opinion, was never good, and as nearly as she and others in the store could judge, SIRHAN was really not at fault in this. WEIDNER is domineering, harsh and rude with his employees, she said. He seemed particularly harsh with SIRHAN at times. He insisted on strict compliance with his orders, i.e. "SAUL come here at once!" SIRHAN might have had a box of groceries in his arms and would deposit them in a car or whatever before complying. This would infuriate WEIDNER. He would regard this as a challenge to his authority. He would berate SIRHAN and accuse him of laziness and insubordination. SIRHAN would defend himself shouting as loud "You just don't talk to me like that" "You have to treat me like a man", and he would stand his ground; then walk away in desperation and frustration. Mrs. BOYKO tried to be the mediator, but the arguments and flashes of temper on both sides became an almost daily occurrence. SIRHAN wanted WEIDNER to fire him so he could get some severance pay, but WEIDNER sensed this and would not fire him.

After these outbursts, SIRHAN would calm down and talk to Mrs. BOYKO about his abiding interests. He indicated he was interested in spiritual things. He definitely was interested in horses. He spoke about his desire to be a jockey and talked about his weight problems. He was also interested in the gambling aspect. He went to the track frequently; every Saturday (at Santa Anita) and apparently was a consistent loser. This bothered him because he was interested in money and wanted money. He was very conscious of his size. Being a little person, he felt disadvantaged. He felt this very strongly and had a defensive complex about it. He felt it was a handicap, even though he had aspirations to be a jockey.

He showed no interest in, or interest in talking about, girls. He indicated that dating girls was a waste of time, and did not wish to discuss the subject. Mrs. BOYKO doubts that he did date girls during this time.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Finally SIRHAN left the shop, sometime in March 1968, and subsequently either sued or filed charges against WEIDNER for back pay. Mrs. BOYKO does not know the particulars about this.

Mrs. BOYKO said SIRHAN was strong in his beliefs - strong in his convictions. With regard to other aspects of his activity as known to her, Mrs. BOYKO said no one ever came to the shop to visit him. He received no mail at the shop. He received no telephone calls at the shop. He never waited on customers except to carry groceries to waiting cars. He was polite. He was respectful. He never expressed any strong hatred even after his heated exchanges with WEIDNER.

He never came back to the store after he left and Mrs. BOYKO last talked to him sometime in March.

He did complain about the poor condition of WEIDNER's delivery station wagon.

Mrs. BOYKO said she has seen newspaper accounts datelined Washington, D.C. which have quoted her as saying, "SIRHAN was a religious fanatic." Mrs. BOYKO said she never said any such thing.

Mrs. BOYKO said the only Jordanians she has ever met were ABDUL DOBASS (mentioned initially), SIRHAN and a local barber named SIMON SHARU. Mrs. BOYKO recalls asking SIRHAN if he knew DOBASS (above) and he acknowledged that he did, but said no more, so that Mrs. BOYKO could not determine what the degree of association was.

After the news of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and SIRHAN's picture was published in the morning newspaper, all the persons at the store knew who it was, but could not believe it. Mr. WEIDNER's reaction was electric. He walked around the store beating his fists to his head saying, "it's him, it's him - it's got to be him;" and then to a customer who had been friendly to SIRHAN in the past, he said "you see I was right about him. I don't know why he didn't kill me - he hated me so."

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mrs. BOYKO said she has no explanation for SIRHAN's terrible act. She is shocked and unable to fit it with her recollection of him. It is her opinion that she never did see him except for some surface manifestations, and these were, to say the least, contradictory.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/18/68

RETTA DRAKE 2516 Strathmore, Rosemead, California, telephone 573-3897, advised that she was employed at the Organic-Pasadena Health Food Store, 1380 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California, as manager from December 15, 1967 until March 7, 1968, when she resigned. During this period of time SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was also employed at this store as a general stock clerk and delivery boy. He had been so employed both part time and full time since prior to Mrs. DRAKE beginning her employment. She advised that she did not know him and had never seen him prior to her employment at this store.

Approximately one and one-half weeks prior to her quitting on March 7, 1968, she submitted her letter of resignation to the owner of the health food store, JOHN WEIDNER. She advised that she left the employment at the above store on the same date that SIRHAN was fired. On the morning of March 7, 1968, she overheard WEIDNER tell SIRHAN that he may leave the store, meaning that he was fired. SIRHAN then proceeded to sit down in the store waiting to be paid his wages due. Mrs. DRAKE said the situation at the store at this time was tense after WEIDNER had fired SIRHAN, and to ease this situation she made a statement to SIRHAN just in general conversation. When she spoke to him WEIDNER then came up to her and told her that she was not to speak to SIRHAN since he was no longer working there. Mrs. DRAKE advised that this infuriated her to the extent that she quit her job on the spot.

WEIDNER eventually called the police on SIRHAN to evict him from the store since SIRHAN would not leave until he was paid.

On 6/17/68 at Rosemead, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 525 -

by SA TIMOTHY G. MC COLLUM/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WEIDNER refused to pay either SIRHAN or Mrs. DRAKE and they both eventually filed claims for wages due before the Industrial Relations Board. She advised that they did not file these claims together but the cases were held together on the same date before the Industrial Relations Board, 107 South Broadway, Room 5015, Los Angeles, California, on or about April 23, 1968. Her claim was eventually honored but she has no idea whether SIRHAN received his money or not.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she saw SIRHAN twice after they terminated their employment at the health food store. She once went over to his house to receive his help in filling out her claim for wages due, and she met his mother. She also saw SIRHAN on the date of his being fired from the health food store in Katies Place Restaurant just down from the health food store. She advised she was in there having coffee on this date and he came in and joined her.

Mrs. DRAKE advised that she never saw SIRHAN either before or after working hours while they were employed. The last she saw of him was on the date that the claims were held before the Industrial Relations Board.

In addition she did talk with him once or twice over the telephone after leaving the health food store's employment and prior to the claims being submitted before the Industrial Relations Board.

She stated that SIRHAN never did talk very much and what little conversation they did have at the store was just general conversation. They never had any political conversations and she cannot recall him talking of any of his personal interests. On the one occasion that she was at SIRHAN's house they talked only of Mr. WEIDNER and his health food store.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Other than his mother, Mrs. DRAKE never met any of his friends or relatives, and has no idea what he did on his off hours. It was her understanding, however, that SIRHAN was taking Bible lessons from Mr. WEIDNER's uncle.

She advised she has not seen nor heard from SIRHAN since the claims were presented before the Industrial Relations Board on April 23, 1968.

Her opinion of SIRHAN is that he was an extremely nice person and that he did not seem bitter over being fired by Mr. WEIDNER.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

Mrs. CAROL BURGESS, wife of Lance Corporal BERNARD BURGESS, U. S. Marine Corps (USMC) USMC Quarters, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor, Washington an employee of the restaurant at the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, advised on June 14, 1968, that she had known SIRHAN SIRHAN while she was employed from about November 1967 to about January 1968 at the Organic-Pacific Health Food Store owned by Mr. JOHN WIEDNER, Pasadena, California. She said SIRHAN, known generally by the nickname "SOL", told her he had changed his name to SIRHAN SIRHAN so he could have two similar names; however, he did not say what his name had been before the change.

She said SIRHAN was a produce boy and took produce from the above store to the Monterey Park store and the Downey store. She said SIRHAN lived about a block and one-half to two blocks from the store and that she had dropped him off at his residence in her car a few times. She said this residence was one block off Lake Avenue, but she did not know the address. She said she understood SIRHAN lived with his mother and brother, but she had not met them. She said SIRHAN stated he was "close" to his brother and he had "nice" parents. She said she believed SIRHAN had an automobile at home, but it was not in running condition.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN told her he was attending night school at Pasadena City College and that he liked history. She said one day SIRHAN came back from lunch with whiskey on his breath and made some remark that he would have to stay away from the boss that afternoon. She said she therefore assumed he drank a little.

She said SIRHAN was always by himself, that he came to work and left by himself and he had lunch by himself. She said he never spoke of having a girl friend and said at one time he had "bad luck" with girls, which remark he did not explain. She said no one visited him at the store.

On 6/14/68 at Bangor, Washington File # Seattle 89-62

by SA ERNEST C. SMITH and SA OLIVER W. LEHTINEN - 528 - OWL/bjb/sro Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

She said SIRHAN believed in what he called "Witchcraft" and believed he had power to do greater things than did others. She said he had indicated in words not now recalled, that he "could do anything that God could do". She said he seemed not to "understand our religion", however, he never explained what his religion was. She added he said, "There are lots of things you can do if you put your mind to it."

Mrs. BURGESS said that Mr. WIEDNER had been in the "Underground" in France and had helped Jews escape from Germany and SIRHAN could not understand why he would help the Jews escape. She said SIRHAN and Mr. WIEDNER had some discussions concerning Jews but she could not recall the details of these conversations except that SIRHAN and WIEDNER argued about Jews. She said SIRHAN sometimes waved his hands when he got somewhat excited in these conversations.

She said SIRHAN did not smoke and she assumed he did not use drugs or narcotics. She did not know him to have a gun and never talked about guns. She said he did not seem to be the violent type and although he occasionally got mad - usually at the boss who expected his employees to work diligently he "cooled off" quickly.

She said SIRHAN never talked about politics and he was generally very quiet, polite, and likeable. She said he appeared to be quite intelligent and had an extensive vocabulary, often using words she did not understand. She said SIRHAN also spoke "some other language" besides English and would interject some foreign phrases into conversation. She added he was a good worker.

She said SIRHAN was interested in horses and had been an exercise boy. She said he used to go to horse races on weekends and that he "loved horses". She said he had hurt his back in a fall falling off a filly and was going to a doctor about his back. She said SIRHAN a small individual wanted people to think he was strong but he complained about his back when picking up

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

boxes. She said SIRHAN would also bet on horses at the track and would win and lose bets based on information given him by jockeys. She remembers on one occasion he won $36. She said he wanted to be a jockey some day.

Mrs. BURGESS said SIRHAN had once given her a paperback book, title and author not recalled, concerning "Witchcraft", for her to read. She said she took it home, did not read it, and brought back the book the next day. She said SIRHAN had said he read by candlelight from candles on a table. She said she asked him in connection with his Witchcraft, what he did, would he lift tables by Witchcraft.

SIRHAN said he did. She said she told him he could not be serious and SIRHAN remarked that he was. She said he came back from lunch one day with two red candles and two blue candles, apparently to read by or to use in his "Witchcraft".

Mrs. BURGESS said she was training one RITA or RETA to be manager at the store about a month before she, Mrs. BURGESS, left and RITA or RETA would also know SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/15/68

MARGARET V. ROLEN, 11005 Stockwell Drive, Lynwood, California, telephone 631-7112, telephonically furnished the following information:

ROLEN advised that she is presently employed as sales personnel for one of JOHN H. WEIDNER's health food stores, located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California.

She said the only thing she could recall regarding SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN is that he made deliveries to her store from their main store approximately three times a week and would remain in their store for approximately ten to fifteen minutes on each delivery. She believed he first started making deliveries around Christmas 1967 until about February or March 1968.

During these deliveries, she recalled SIRHAN to be a very polite, cooperative young man. She said he seemed to be very nice and could not think of anything derogatory regarding his conduct. She knew of nothing regarding his personal life or beliefs and actually she did not know his full name. She recalled when she first saw him that she and her co-worker, LOIS PALMER, asked him his name. He replied, "Call me SAUL".

She concluded that she was very shocked by the incident involving SIRHAN and if there is any further information concerning this matter, she would be more than willing to furnish the same.

Mrs. ROLEN is leaving the city for a visit at a relative's home in San Bernardino, California and will be on vacation for approximately two weeks.

On 6/15/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by EDWARD SCOTT, JR./mmc - 531 - Date dictated 6/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/24/68

Mrs. LOIS V. PALMER, 7847 East Blandwood Road, Downey, California, telephone 869-8126, manager, Nutri-Ville, a health food store located at 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, telephone 869-8026, advised she is employed by Mr. JOHN WEIDNER, who also owns the Organic Health Food Store in Pasadena, California, and the Monterey Nutrition Health Food Store in Monterey Park, California. She then furnished the following information:

Mrs. PALMER knew SIRHAN SIRHAN as SOL SIRHAN who was employed by Mr. WEIDNER as a delivery boy for about six to seven weeks during February and March of 1968. SIRHAN came to Nutri-Ville about four times each week remaining no more than ten minutes on each occasion. He delivered stock to the store, picked up stock from the store and picked up money from her for delivery to Mr. WEIDNER.

According to Mrs. PALMER, SIRHAN was always very respectful. He appeared to be very intelligent and once, when she asked him if he went to college, he replied, "No, but I read a hell of a lot". However, he did not explain precisely what he read.

She also learned from him that he rode horses. Moreover, he told her that he and his brothers went to Santa Anita Race Track on week ends.

Mrs. PALMER stated she knows nothing of SIRHAN's background or his associates.

On 6/20/68 at Downey, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 532 -

by SA H.R. MC CULLOUGH/kaf Date dictated 6/24/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/15/68

On June 15, 1968, Mrs. LINCOLN (VIRGINIA) LYTTLE, 11703 Samoline Avenue, Downey, California, telephone number 862-1992, advised that she is employed part-time at the Nutriville Health Food Store, 7822 East Florence Avenue, Downey, California. Mrs. LYTTLE stated she is employed approximately 24 or 25 hours a week as a sales person.

Mrs. LYTTLE explained that about November or December 1967, while at work one day she was introduced to a person by the name of SAUL (Phonetic) by the Store Manager, LOIS PALMER. LYTTLE stated that SAUL made deliveries for the company from the Pasadena store to the store in Downey and on his return trip, he took merchandise and/or money to the Monterey and/or the Pasadena store for this company. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that subsequent, she saw SAUL in the store almost everyday that she worked, which was about two or three times a week. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that some times she would not see SAUL because he had already been at the store before she arrived for work or he did not come to the store at all on some particular days.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had very little conversation with him. She stated that it consisted primarily of hello and how are you? Mrs. LYTTLE stated that she had no extended conversation with SAUL and would be unable to furnish anything concerning his ideas, as she does not know his ideas or opinion about anything. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that all she could say was that he was a nice looking person, with a pleasing personality.

Mrs. LYTTLE stated that the first she knew that SAUL was identical with a person named SIRHAN SIRHAN, who was alleged to have assassinated Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was on the Thursday after KENNEDY's death, when Mrs. WEIDENER, the wife of the owner of the store, telephonically advised the store manager, LOIS PALMER, that the person who was arrested for shooting Senator ROBERT KENNEDY was SIRHAN SIRHAN, who is the same person as SAUL who made deliveries to the Nutriville Health Food Store. Mrs. LYTTLE stated that after LOIS PALMER

On 6/15/68 at Downey, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 533 -

by SA DONALD L. ALLEN/dp Date dictated 6/15/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

talked to Mrs. WEIDENER she related what Mrs. WEIDENER had told her, Mrs. PALMER.

Mrs. LYTTLE advised that she was unable to furnish any additional information concerning this matter.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/11/68

1

TERRY MICKEY WELCH, 25173 Farmbrook, Southfield, advised that he recognized SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN from photographs on telecast concerning the attempt on the life of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WELCH then called WWJ Television, Detroit, Michigan, and made them aware of the fact that he knew SIRHAN and he was subsequently interviewed on that station.

WELCH stated that he first met SIRHAN approximately three years ago when both were employed as exercise boys at Granja Vista Del Rio, a thoroughbred horse farm located at Corona, California, and owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH (Phonetic). From that time until May 1967, WELCH was closely associated with SIRHAN and considered him to be his closest friend. He said that approximately 1½ years ago, probably between September, 1966 and December 1966, SIRHAN suffered a very bad fall from a horse at Granja Vista Del Rio and was admitted to the hospital at Corona, where he remained in critical condition for several weeks. He suffered head and back injuries which resulted in his being partially blind in his left eye and since the time of the accident, he has suffered from severe headaches. WELCH stated that SIRHAN was supposed to get a settlement as a result of this accident and was angry because he did not get as much as he thought he should.

WELCH advised that SIRHAN underwent a complete personality change after the above-described accident. He stated that prior to that time, SIRHAN had been good natured and easy to get along with. He was popular with other employees at the horse farm and with horse owners who kept race horses at this farm. WELCH listed DESI ARNEZ, BUDDY EBSEN, and DALE ROBERTSON, prominent television personalities, as horse owners who were well acquainted with SIRHAN. He described SIRHAN prior to the accident as well mannered, neat, clean, intelligent, and a gentleman in every way. He said that while SIRHAN was thrifty and would sometimes save his checks for three or four weeks before cashing them, he was also generous in providing money to friends who were temporarily in need,

---

On 6/6/68 at Southfield, Michigan File # Detroit 62-4177
Los Angeles 56-156

- 535 -

by SAs DAVID C. NESBITT and ROBERT S. BARNHART/RSB/slo/rem Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

and in addition stated that although SIRHAN did not drink himself, he accompanied WELCH and other employees to local bars and would often purchase drinks for everyone present.

Following his fall from the horse in 1966, SIRHAN became a "loner" who was resentful toward anyone who had wealth. He, at this time, became unpredictable and unreliable in that he would make plans to do things or go places with WELCH and then for no apparent reason would change his mind.

After he was released from the hospital at Corona, SIRHAN obtained a job with ROBERT WHEELER, an owner and trainer at the Santa Anita Race Track. He remained on this job for 3 to 5 weeks and when he found that he did not know enough about the job, he quit and went back to Granja Vista Del Rio to learn more about handling horses. WELCH said SIRHAN had a great desire to be a good rider and although he was frightened after the accident, he refused to quit riding even after being repeatedly thrown from horses.

TERRY WELCH advised that SIRHAN was also known as Sol by race track acquaintances and fellow employees. He said that inasmuch as persons of all nationalities frequent race tracks and horse farms, he and SIRHAN worked with Mexicans, Negroes, Irish, Greeks, Italians, Jews, and Hungarians, and SIRHAN never gave any indication to him of prejudice toward any nationality. He said that before the accident SIRHAN was curious and was always attempting to learn and improve himself. He would visit dairy and poultry farms for example during his off-duty hours, and could talk intelligently on almost any subject. He spoke excellent English with little or no accent. He was an avid reader, particularly with regard to law and frequently discussed cases which he had read about. SIRHAN did not appear to be particularly interested in politics and WELCH does not recall any pertinent discussions of political issues.

SIRHAN appeared to be devoted to his mother and told WELCH he visited his mother in Pasadena, California, every other weekend when he was not working. WELCH said he never went with SIRHAN to visit his mother and does not know the names of any of SIRHAN's relatives, but recalls SIRHAN stated his mother's name was MARY. His father was overseas, according to SIRHAN, and supposedly wealthy.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WELCH believes that the Reverend LEO HILL, Circle City Baptist Church, Ninth and Sheridan, Corona, would possibly know SIRHAN inasmuch as SIRHAN gave WELCH a card for this church and suggested that he see Reverend HILL when he was having personal problems.

SIRHAN told WELCH on one occasion that he had been expelled from a college in Los Angeles, California, as a result of trouble with a girl. This incident supposedly occurred before WELCH and SIRHAN became acquainted.

SIRHAN also stated that at one time he had worked for a gun or skeet club in the Corona or Los Angeles area. WELCH believed that BURT ALTFILLISCH would possibly have more information concerning this.

TERRY WELCH said that when he first learned about SIRHAN's connection with the assault on Senator KENNEDY, he could not believe that SIRHAN had shot KENNEDY because he had previously been such a "nice guy". He has not seen or had contact with SIRHAN since May 1967. He does not believe that SIRHAN would have committed this assault for money, nor would he have been involved in a conspiracy. With regard to the money allegedly in SIRHAN's possession when he was captured, WELCH said it would not be unusual for SIRHAN to carry large sums of money in his pocket inasmuch as he was a thrifty individual and when he and WELCH were closely associated, SIRHAN habitually kept his wallet in the glove compartment of his car, which WELCH described as a 1950 or 1951 DeSoto. WELCH said it was common practice for race track employees to keep their wallets in the glove compartments of cars to prevent theft from their persons.

In conversations with fellow employees who were refugees from communist countries, such as Cuba and Hungary, SIRHAN always gave WELCH the impression that he was very much opposed to communism. He indicated a liking for the United States and never exhibited any particular loyalty or feeling toward the country of his birth, Jordan. WELCH said he does not recall having ever heard SIRHAN mention being or living in any state other than California in the United States.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WELCH concluded by stating that he feels that the personality change which took place in SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN after his accident must have gotten worse in the past year since WELCH has had contact with him, and that he "went out of his mind, or that something was preying on his mind."

WELCH said that SIRHAN was particularly friendly with FRANK DONORAMA, one of the bosses or supervisors at Granja Vista Del Rio. He added that prior to SIRHAN's accident, BURT ALTFILLISCH had been so impressed with SIRHAN's potential that he offered SIRHAN a good administrative job at Granja Vista Del Rio. SIRHAN declined this offer inasmuch as he preferred to work directly with the horses and become a good rider.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

Mr. GORDON BOWSHER, Horse Owner and Trainer, 13505 Oaks, advised that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had been employed by him from October 15, 1965, to March 31, 1966, when he quit on his own volition. He stated he hired SIRHAN as a stable hand at Santa Anita where SIRHAN walked hot horses for him. After the Santa Anita season was over, SIRHAN worked a little while for him at the Pomona Fair Grounds. SIRHAN resided at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, and commuted to the tracks from that address in a pink DeSoto.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only thing he knew regarding SIRHAN was that he came from Jordan but that he had had no conversations with SIRHAN and knew nothing whatsoever regarding his background.

Mr. BOWSHER stated that the only other person who worked for him who would know SIRHAN and who probably had conversations with him is a TOM RATHKE, who resides at 8372 Stansbury Avenue, in Panorama City, California, but who is presently at the race track in Pleasanton, California.

On 6/17/68 at Chino, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JAMES E. HOFFER/asi Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/13/68

Mr. BUDDY EBSEN, television actor, was contacted following an attempt to contact him through his agent, JAMES MC HUGH, JR., 8455 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone number OL 1-2770. He was informed that an interview was desired regarding any knowledge he may have of SIRHAN SIRHAN, who had been accused of shooting Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SIRHAN reportedly had worked as an exercise boy at Granja Vista Del Rio, Corona, California, a horse ranch where Mr. EBSEN was said to have kept horses.

Mr. EBSEN said he could relate what information he had inasmuch as he did not recall SIRHAN. Two or three years ago he stabled some horses at the above ranch, owned by BURT ALTFILLISCH. His horses had been handled by FRANK DELMARA, who was no longer employed at this ranch. BURT would probably know FRANK's whereabouts. There were several apprentice boys who handled EBSEN's horses whom FRANK would know or recall. It was possible SIRHAN may have been at the ranch at that time.

On Sunday, June 9, 1968, Mr. EBSEN received a call from GAYLE ROSENBERG, a representative of "Life" magazine, seeking data and photographs of SIRHAN at the ranch as "Life" was doing a story on SIRHAN. Mr. EBSEN checked through his photographs taken of his horses and came up with one showing an exercise boy who could have been SIRHAN, but EBSEN was not sure as only half of this boy's face showed in the photograph. It was given to the "Life" representative who could be reached at telephone number CR 3-1530 if it was desired to see the photograph.

The exercise boys were paid by the owner of the ranch and EBSEN paid a fee to the ranch to stable his horses.

Mr. EBSEN can be reached at General Service Studios, 1040 North Las Palmas Avenue, Los Angeles, California, telephone number 467-7935.

On 6/11/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 540 -

by SA LESLIE F. WARREN/sro/clp Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

WALTER THOMAS RATHKE, Groom for VERN HUNTER, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, California, advised he first met SIRHAN SIRHAN at least three years ago when both worked for GORDON BOWSHER, Yellow King Ranch, Chico, California. He has also met SIRHAN's mother and one of his brothers, not the one reportedly up for deportation. RATHKE got to know SIRHAN quite well during this time and SIRHAN never exhibited any leanings toward Communism or ever became violent or exhibited any violence. RATHKE got the impression SIRHAN did not want to return to Jordan and from conversations thought SIRHAN had made a move for American citizenship. At no time during their conversations can RATHKE recall SIRHAN ever mentioning any of the KENNEDYs or was the subject of guns ever mentioned.

SIRHAN was working a quarter horse at Granja Vista Del Rio Ranch near Chino when SIRHAN's horse bolted and SIRHAN suffered head injuries from hitting the fence and required hospitalization. RATHKE believes this happened approximately September 1966 but is not sure of that date. As a result of injury SIRHAN's pupil in one of his eyes, believed his left, remains large and will not close and he apparently has no peripheral vision out of that eye and can no longer gallop horses so he had to give up being a groom.

RATHKE last saw SIRHAN in approximately June 1967 in Pasadena where SIRHAN was working at a health food store. He also saw SIRHAN's mother during this time and she indicated SIRHAN "just wasn't himself" after the accident and RATHKE stated SIRHAN was "more incommunicative" since the accident but could not explain the exact changes in SIRHAN. RATHKE has only seen SIRHAN for short periods of time since the accident and has had no extensive conversations during these meetings. When he last saw SIRHAN in Pasadena, RATHKE told SIRHAN he was joining the Theosophical Society but did not discuss very extensively and has now read in the newspapers that SIRHAN is reading books published by this society.

On 6/12/68 at Pleasanton, California File # LA 56-156 SF 62-5481

- 541 -

by SA RICHARD E. RODERMUND:dp Date dictated 6/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

RATHKE stated that if SIRHAN was bitter at anyone he would have thought it would be the insurance company as RATHKE understands SIRHAN received little more than payment of hospital bill as a result of the accident.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/13/68

ALBERT C. BEESON, Director, Industrial Relations, State of California, San Francisco, telephonically advised that his department handled an accident involving one SIRHAN B. SIRHAN of 696 Howard Street, West Pasadena, California, in which SIRHAN, while employed by the Altfillisch Construction Company, working as an exercise boy on the Grand Vista Alta Rio Ranch, Corona, California, on September 25, 1966 was thrown from a horse and suffered head injuries. As a result of this accident SIRHAN, on March 27, 1968, was paid about $2,000 by the Argonaut Insurance Company of Menlo Park, California. The Referee who handled this matter was ERNEST A. LACKMANN, Referee in Industrial Relations, State of California, Los Angeles, telephone 620-4471.

On 6/5/68 at San Francisco, California File # LA 56-156 SF 62-5481

- 543 -

by ASAC JAMES T. MORELAND:dp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, Assistant Secretary, Argonaut Insurance Company, Menlo Park, advised that the claim filed for the claim of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN is at the Argonaut Insurance Company, 443 Shattow Place, Los Angeles, under Policy # 20-210-056370 and Claim #02-203445. She stated that the claim filed has been made available to the FBI in Los Angeles. The claim was settled for $1,705 in April 1968 and the cancelled check is at the Menlo Park Office of Argonaut. She made available a copy of the cancelled check and settlement of the above claim and the following information was obtained therefrom:

> Check number 262013 dated April 5, 1968 for $1,705 is payable to SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard, Pasadena, California. The policy number and claim number are listed on the check as stated above and the injury date is shown as September 1966. The claimant is shown as Alt - Illisch Construction Company. The check is endorsed with the name SIRHAN SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California, under which is written his California Drivers License #M238847. The check was cashed April 8, 1968 at the Pasadena Main Office of the Crocker Citizens National Bank, Pasadena, California, and bears tellers stamp #101P on the front of the check. The check was drawn on the Crocker Citizens National Bank, #1 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

On June 10, 1968 the original of this check was made available by PHILLIPS and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

On 6/5 & 6/10/68 at Menlo Park, California File # LA 56-156 SF 62-5481

- 544 -

by SA GEORGE HARTLEY:dp Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

MELVIN R. OLSON, Employment Representative, Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

MELVIN R. OLSON reviewed the original employment application form and stated that this form was filled out by SIRHAN SIRHAN on November 7, 1967, at the Burroughs Corporation referred to above. He stated that SIRHAN SIRHAN filled out this form with a black ball-point pen and he (OLSON) made several entries during the course of the interview in red ball-point pen. He advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN was not hired due to a stated back injury and a poor past work record.

On 6/14/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 545 -

by SA RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/cag Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

Mrs. J. NAGER, Personnel Director, I. Magnin and Company, 3240 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

Mrs. NAGER caused a search of the Employment Application Files at the above mentioned company and advised she could find no record for SIRHAN SIRHAN. She advised it is the policy of the company to retain employment applications for a period of 30 days and then the forms are destroyed. Mrs. NAGER advised that the Employment Application Files at the Pasadena store, I. Magnin Company, 475 South Lake, Pasadena, California, and the I. Magnin and Company stores in San Francisco, California, were also caused to be searched with negative results.

On 6/17/68 at Los Angeles, California File #Los Angeles 56-156

- 546 -

by SA RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/cag Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/63

Mrs. MARY RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, who is a housewife, stated that she is not personally acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN but that her husband, MUFIO RAFIDI, has met him.

She stated that her husband is also acquainted with ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN, who is a brother of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and recalled that she has had this latter individual pointed out to her by her husband. She stated that this occurred at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, where he entertains as a musician.

She stated that she has no knowledge of any activity of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN that would be of assistance in the investigation of the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, which includes political background or associates of this individual or any member of his family.

On 6/14/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 547 -

by SA WALTER L. HEYER/eb Date dictated 6/17/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/63

MUFIO RAFIDI, Apartment 14, 2005 North Talmadge Street, Los Angeles, California, advised that he was born November 24, 1934, at Ramalah, Jordan. He stated that he is currently employed at the R. D. Sovetts Company, 2744 East Eleventh Street, Los Angeles, California.

RAFIDI advised that he has met SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN twice. He stated that he met SIRHAN initially in the year 1958 at an annual Arabic community picnic that was held at an unknown location in Los Angeles, California. He stated that it is the policy of the participants at this annual picnic to introduce themselves, and he recalls that the mother of SIRHAN introduced herself and her sons at this affair. He stated that SIRHAN was approximately fourteen years of age at this time. He stated that he particularly recalls this family inasmuch as one of the members of the family, ADEL SIRHAN, entertained at the picnic by playing a guitar.

He recalled that later he had noted that ADEL SIRHAN was an entertainer at The Fez, 1503 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California, which is an Arabic restaurant. He stated that prior to getting married, he spent frequent evenings at The Fez and developed a limited acquaintance with ADEL SIRHAN.

He stated that he next saw SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the annual Arabic picnic that was held in 1966 at a park located in the vicinity of Budlong Avenue and 153rd Street in Gardena, California.

He stated that on neither of these occasions did he carry on a conversation with SIRHAN.

He stated that he has not been to The Fez for approximately two years and does not know if ADEL SIRHAN is currently employed at that restaurant.

On 6/15/63 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 548 -

by SA WALTER L. HEYER/eb Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

RAFIDI stated that he has never heard any member of SIRHAN's family express any political opinion, either concerning the United States or their home land of Jordan.

RAFIDI stated that he came to the United States from Ramallah, Jordan, in 1952, and while residing in Jordan did not know the SIRHAN family nor has he any knowledge of the background of that family in Jordan. He stated that he has heard from a source, which he cannot presently identify, that one of the members of the SIRHAN family had acted as an intelligence agent or spy for Israel but that he is unable to identify which member of the family it was. He stated that he does not know any of the associates of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN or his brother, ADEL SIRHAN, and repeated that he has no knowledge relative to the political activity of any member of the SIRHAN family either in the United States or in Jordan.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

FAZ'L (NMN) INAYAT'KHAN, residence address 1450 Cossacks Place, Glendora, California, telephone number 963-3668, was interviewed at his place of employment, the Burroughs Corporation, 460 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, California, where he is employed as a Systems Analyst. He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

INAYAT'KHAN stated he first met an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the Fall of 1966 at a private residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, which is located at 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He was shown a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN dated June 5, 1968, and he stated this individual resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. He further advised that the only other individual he can recall being at the residence of RAMZI was an individual known to him as FAIZULLAH KHAN. He advised that a small group of students met several times at the above residence and discussed general topics and also various political situations in the United States and Jordan, Israel, etc. In this regard, he indicated that SIRHAN and others in this group were supporters of the Bath Party, a mid-East political party that is composed of members that support any government that is pro-Jordan, Syrian, etc., in philosophy and ideology.

He advised that FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address unknown, was a native of Afghanistan; a graduate student majoring in political science when he met him in the Fall of 1966. He further advised that it was his understanding that KHAN was the President of the Student Association at California State College at Los Angeles and it was his further understanding that KHAN's brother is the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

On 6/20/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 550 -

by SA RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/cag Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

INAYAT'KHAN advised that his impression of SIRHAN was that he was a very impressionable individual. In this regard, he related how during one group discussion at the previously mentioned residence, the topic of conversation centered around various committees of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and the key positions certain members had in influencing policies, appropriations in such areas as foreign aid, etc. He stated that SIRHAN became quite agitated during this discussion and indicated how unfair and undemocratic the committee system of our form of government is and can be if the wrong people control the power.

He advised that SIRHAN and others were pro-Jordanian, Syrian, in philosophy but they also do not believe the rulers in their native lands were fighting with enough determination to regain their rightful land from the Israeli people.

He advised that on numerous occasions, SIRHAN and the others in this group went to a beer tavern known as Garfanos, 5468 East Valley Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

INAYAT'KHAN further advised in late 1966 or early 1967, the Arab Students Association held a bazaar at an Armenian Church in the City of Los Angeles, the exact location not recalled, and approximately 200 students, girl friends, etc., attended.

INAYAT'KHAN concluded by stating he did not know SIRHAN SIRHAN very well but he would describe him as a young immature individual that was very impressionable.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

FAIZULLAH KHAN, residence address 944 East Stocker, Glendale, California, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and then furnished the following voluntary information:

KHAN advised he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles, in February, 1966. He advised he is not an officer nor has he ever been a member of the Arab Students Association. He advised he knew very little about this organization but knows that a number of Arab, Syrian students are affiliated with this organization but it has a very loose membership. In this regard, he stated he was unable to furnish an address or location for this association. KHAN further advised that he is a native of Afghanistan and was born at Kabul. He advised that his brother's father-in-law was formerly the Prime Minister of Afghanistan.

KHAN was shown a picture of SIRHAN SIRHAN taken by the Los Angeles Police Department on June 5, 1968, and he stated this picture vaguely resembled the individual he knew as SIRHAN. KHAN advised he met and talked with an individual known to him as SIRHAN SIRHAN in the late Fall of 1966 and early Spring of 1967 at a residence rented by OMAR RAMZI, 2345 Lilydale Street, Los Angeles, California. He further advised he met SIRHAN at several political functions held at California State College, Los Angeles, when professors from California State College and others would lecture to small groups of students about various political issues.

KHAN advised he believed that OMAR RAMZI was an officer in the Arab Students Association but he could not state this for a fact. He advised the only other individuals he knew was an individual by the name of SAMON (LNU) and FAZ'L INAYAT'KHAN.

KHAN stated he knew SIRHAN SIRHAN only as a fellow student although it was his understanding SIRHAN was a student at Pasadena City College and he concluded by stating he did not get to know him well.

On 6/17/68 at Glendale, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 552 -

by SA RUSSELL C. ANDERSON/cag Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

ROBERT GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, advised that he is a student at Solar Electronics, Monrovia, California, and a television repairman employed by P. J. MILLER, 10 North First Avenue, Arcadia, California. He stated his home telephone Number was 444-6607 and his business telephone Number was 447-1781.

GARNETT said that he has met SIRHAN SIRHAN on approximately five or six occasions. He said that he knew ADEL SIRHAN and SAIDELLAH SIRHAN and had built an amplifier for ADEL so that this amplifier could be used by ADEL for one of his musical instruments. GARNETT stated that he did not know the exact address where he delivered the amplifier but that it was in Pasadena and it was the home of ADEL SIRHAN, and that SIRHAN SIRHAN resided with ADEL.

GARNETT stated that on one occasion he took his wife, CONNIE GARNETT, and their two children, SHERILL and ROBERT, to this residence and that SIRHAN SIRHAN was there. His wife and children and SIRHAN watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and SIRHAN had taken the children to the kitchen to get them some ice cream. GARNETT stated that he looked upon SIRHAN SIRHAN as a very sincere and quiet individual, that he never saw him with anyone other than his brother, ADEL, and knew him to be an employee of a health store, address unknown, in Pasadena, California. GARNETT said that the only time he heard ADEL speak of his brother, ADEL made the comment that "SIRHAN is tight with his money." SIRHAN was also considered to be very close to his mother.

GARNETT, who stated he knew ADEL SIRHAN for about one year, and "SAID" about two years, related that he knew them because he had met them through an individual named BOB RITCHEY, a driver for his mother's company, RX Express Company, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 7"

On 6/14/68 at Arcadia, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 553 -

by SA JOHN C. O'NEILL/sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Weight	125 - 130 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark, curly
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Prominent nose, neat

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

CONNIE GARNETT, 12421 Rush Street, El Monte, California, telephone Number 447-1781, advised that she is the wife of ROBERT GARNETT and resides with her husband and two children, SHERILL, age 4, and ROBERT, age 3, in El Monte, California.

CONNIE GARNETT stated that she met SIRHAN SIRHAN on only one occasion approximately two or three months ago at the residence of ADEL SIRHAN and SIRHAN SIRHAN, Howard Street, Pasadena, California. She also said that she knew SAIDELLAH SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN, and she believed that "SAID", as he is nicknamed, was once a driver for her mother-in-law's company, RX Express, 298 Henrietta Street, Pasadena, California.

CONNIE GARNETT related that the one time she met SIRHAN SIRHAN, she considered him to be a perfect gentleman. She, her husband, ROBERT, and her two children had gone to the Howard Street address to deliver an amplifier which her husband had built for ADEL SIRHAN, brother of SIRHAN SIRHAN. She, SIRHAN SIRHAN, and the children watched the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on television and then SIRHAN took the children to the kitchen to get them both some ice cream. CONNIE GARNETT considered him a very quiet and polite person. She stated that they stayed approximately one hour to two hours and then left. She did not have any extensive conversation with SIRHAN SIRHAN as they were viewing the basketball game. She knew of no associates of SIRHAN.

CONNIE GARNETT described SIRHAN SIRHAN as follows:

Sex	Male
Height	5' 5" - 5' 6"
Weight	125 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Curly, dark
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Very neat dresser

On 6/14/68 at El Monte, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 555 -

by SA JOHN C. O'NEILL/sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/24/68

DONALD LLOYD RICE, 1929 12th Street, Apartment A, Santa Monica, California, telephone 395-5380, was interviewed at his place of employment, Technology Service Corporation, Suite 201, 1255 Lincoln Boulevard, Santa Monica, where he has been employed on a part-time basis since March 1, 1968.

RICE, who furnished his date of birth as November 22, 1939, stated that he became acquainted with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN during the summer session of 1966 at Pasadena City College. RICE said he, himself, at that time resided at 1880 East Villa, Pasadena, California, and that he believes SIRHAN lived in the vicinity of Washington Street; however, he did not know the specific residence address, having visited the residence on only one occasion.

RICE stated that SIRHAN was of assistance to him in his study of the Arabic language and that they had only a slight social association other than contacts at school. RICE said he considered SIRHAN to be a serious, intelligent, "student type" person, that he did not have any knowledge concerning his political interests, background or associates. RICE said that he met SIRHAN orginally through one JOHN STRATHMANN and that he could suggest no other associates or acquaintances of SIRHAN. RICE commented that his last contact with SIRHAN was in August or September 1966, that he has no current knowledge concerning him, his activities or associates. He further stated that from limited knowledge of SIRHAN, he would have no basis to pass judgement or firm opinion, which might bear in his being a suspect in the KENNEDY assault. RICE said that he could suggest no motivation or reason and that he would have no knowledge of any type of conspiracy which SIRHAN might have been a part of.

RICE advised that prior to entering Pasadena City College in 1966, he had been discharged from the U.S. Army, where he served from 1964 to 1966, Army Serial Number 55766560.

On 6/20/68 at Santa Monica, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 556 -

by SA WILLIAM D. COSTIGAN/mmc/kaf Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/14/68

Mrs. HELEN GARBEN, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she has known SIRHAN SIRHAN as a patron of this library since about 1963. She noted that in 1963, he was attending Pasadena City College and would stop by after classes to study. She also noted that after a period of time, he became interested in reading the various newspapers and periodicals kept at the library. SIRHAN impressed her as a very quiet, courteous young man who was trying to learn something through reading. Occasionally, he would check out a book but on most occasions, he would read about current events in the periodicals. She did not know what newspapers or periodicals or books he did read. She knew absolutely nothing objectionable about SIRHAN. She pointed out that she never saw SIRHAN outside of the library. She also stated that SIRHAN also had one or two brothers who would come into the library, but she did not become acquainted with them and did not know their names. She could not recall anything specific that he might have said to her except he once told her that he came from Jordan. Mrs. GARBEN stated that she was horrified when she heard SIRHAN SIRHAN was accused of assassinating Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. She said that this was hard to believe because he impressed her as being such a nice young man. She also recalled that possibly two years ago she introduced SIRHAN SIRHAN to a Jordanian librarian who was in this country studying our methods of operating a library. She stated that she did not recall the name of this individual. SIRHAN SIRHAN and this person talked only briefly, and she never saw them together again. She stated that she could not recall ever seeing SIRHAN talking to any other patrons.

Mrs. GARBEN furnished the following items:

Pasadena Public Library Card No. C13359 in the name of SIRHAN B. SIRHAN, 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California; reference - FRANCISCO TAPIA, 691 East Howard Street

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File# Angeles 56-156

- 557 -

by SA's JOHN C. ARLT and WILLIAM P. CRAWFORD (JCA:jmk) Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A slip of paper reflecting a $2.56 fine in the name of SIRHAN SIRHAN, due date April 28, return date May 16, 1964, for the following books:
C30375 - "Short History of the Near East" by HARRY ELLIS;
C30376 - "Heritage of the Desert" by SYDNEY N. FISHER;
C30377 - "The Middle East"
C30378 - "History of Balkan Peninsula"

Remarks on backside "Accident not working - insurance a few months ago."

In addition, Mrs. GARBEN advised that SIRHAN SIRHAN's sister, AIDA SIRHAN, has a Pasadena Public Library card with the following information thereon:

Address	696 East Howard Pasadena, California
Reference	FRANCISCO TAPIA 691 East Howard Street Pasadena, California

She also pointed out that his brother, MUNIR SIRHAN, has a library card with the Pasadena Public Library with the following information thereon:

Address	1647 North Lake Pasadena, California
Reference	FRANCIS LE CLAIR 1645 North Lake Avenue Pasadena, California

Mrs. GARBEN stated that at this time she could not recall any other information concerning SIRHAN SIRHAN. However, she pointed out that JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, who is also an assistant librarian at this location, also knew SIRHAN SIRHAN.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/17/68

JOSEPHINE CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Librarian, Santa Catalina Branch, Pasadena Public Library, 999 East Washington Boulevard, advised that she became acquainted with SIRHAN SIRHAN while he was attending Pasadena City College. She stated that she believed this was in 1963. SIRHAN impressed her as a very nice, courteous young man and she knew absolutely nothing derogatory concerning his character. She noted that she knew none of his associates.

She advised that at first SIRHAN SIRHAN came in to study his homework, but later he became interested in the newspapers and periodicals and spent a great deal of time reading them. Also, on occasion, he would check out a book from the library. She could not recall what kind of books, newspapers or periodicals SIRHAN SIRHAN read. She recalled that several months ago he came to the library and informed her that he had been injured while training a horse. SIRHAN SIRHAN never discussed with her any of his political ideas, nor did he ever mention to her anything concerning Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, the Israeli - Arab June 1967 War, or any other current events. She stated that she was at a loss to explain why he reportedly assassinated Senator KENNEDY. She could furnish no other pertinent information concerning this matter.

On 6/13/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 559 -

by SA's WILLIAM P. CRAWFORD and JOHN C. ARLT/jca/kaf Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/22/68

Father PAUL ROMLEY, pastor at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, 2300 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles, California, advised as follows:

He is familiar with SIRHAN SIRHAN and the other members of his family, but he knows very little about them. The only contact he had with the SIRHAN family was when he gave services for the SIRHAN girl that died. She died on March 20, 1965, and her funeral was on March 23, 1965. She was 29 when she died. After the funeral services, she was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California. Her name on the death certificate was listed as AIDA SIRHAN MENNELL. The girl had been secretly married to a man named MENNELL, possibly from Palm Springs, California, and her family did not know this until he showed up at the funeral.

He has not seen SIRHAN SIRHAN since the day of that funeral. In the short time that he knew the boy, he never heard him express strong feelings against Israel. Ever since the Arab - Israeli war of 1967, St. Nicholas and other churches in Los Angeles have been active in obtaining food and clothing and sending them to the refugees. At no time did SIRHAN get involved in this activity.

Father ROMLEY had no other information about the SIRHAN family.

On 6/21/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 560 -

by SA LLOYD D. JOHNSON and SA DAVID R. PENDER/DRP/dmr Date dictated 6/21/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
JOS/sro

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WOMAN
IN WHITE DRESS WITH BLACK POLKA DOTS

It was previously reported that during an interview of SANDRA SERRANO by News Commentator SANDOR VANOCUR at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, at approximately 1:30 a.m., June 5, 1968, following the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, she claimed that immediately after the shooting a woman in a white dress with black polka dots ran from the Ambassador Hotel. SERRANO claimed that this woman said, "We've shot him -- We've shot him."

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/25/68

Captain HUGH BROWN, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), on June 25, 1968, furnished a transcript of a recorded interview of SANDRA SERRANO, 2212 North Marengo, Altadena, California, which took place on June 20, 1968, and was conducted by Sergeants ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ and THOMAS STRONG, JR., LAPD.

On 6/25/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 562 -

by SA EMMETT B. DOHERTY/sro Date dictated 6/25/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

4

INTERVIEW WITH SANDRA SERRANO

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDED INTERVIEW OF SANDRA SERRANO
2212 NORTH MARENGO, ALTADENA
TAKEN IN ROOM POLY B, PARKER CENTER
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1968, 10:15 P.M.
QUESTIONED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ #7101, S.U.S. UNIT
TRANSCRIBED BY: STELLA C. ROTH, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION
ASSISTED BY: SGT. ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
SGT. THOMAS STRONG, JR. #5972, S.U.S. UNIT

. . . . . .

SGT. HERNANDEZ: I want to get into some of the preliminary stuff. Now, my name, as you know, is Sgt. Hank Hernandez. We're in Room B on the fourth floor of the Police Administration Building, and I'm talking to Miss Sandra Serrano. The time is 10:15 p.m. The date is June 20th, 1968. And now, Sandra, I'm going to ask you some questions just so we can get the true facts on the previous statements that you made before. You know that you shouldn't be afraid, and I hope you're not. The whole thing that we are trying to resolve here is what actually happened at the Ambassador Hotel on June the 4th, the evening that Senator Kennedy was assassinated; and I well understand, as you have explained to me, that this thing was magnified out of proportion with people that you said messed you around up there. So if you will tell me the truth about what happened, and I could ask you questions--

A Uh huh.

Q --and you can answer me. But I would rather start with you telling me the truth, just the truth, just what happened that night. Now, you went to the Ambassador

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Hotel with some other people; is that right?

A Right.

Q Who did you go with?

A Greg Abbott.

Q Will you speak up?

A Greg Abbott, Irene Chavez, George Fredericks, and Michael Churchak (phonetic).

Q Okay.

A Patchett.

Q Panchett?

A Patchett.

Q Okay, now when you arrived at the hotel, did you all split and go to separate locations?

A Yes.

Q You did. Did you eventually wind up in the main ballroom--

A Uh huh.

Q --of the hotel. And I understand you had something to drink there?

A Yes.

Q What did you drink, Sandra?

A A screwdriver.

Q A screwdriver. Just one screwdriver?

A Yeah.

Q And sometime during the course of the evening, you said about 11:30, you went out to the stairway?

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A Uh huh, outside.

Q Outside. And you sat down on that stairway?

A Yeah, I think I did.

Q Okay, now, we have statements here that obviously are incorrect that people took possibly because you thought you were being misquoted, for whatever reasons, but I think we have to rectify these statements. Number 1--

A Well--

Q Pardon me?

A Both statements were given but they were given after people messed me up.

Q How was that?

A Well, stupid people. Well, I don't know how to say it. They--just in all the commotion and everything like--I was supposed to know more than I knew. That is what it amounted to, I was supposed to know more than I knew.

Q I understand. Well, to make it simple, now, first of all, Mr. Ambrose, I think, is a person that you had described previously as having talked with you?

A Uh huh.

Q And do you remember what you told Mr. Ambrose?

A Yes. I told him that I heard the people say, "We shot him," or "they shot him," or something. And I remember telling him that I had seen these people on the--on the stairway.

Q Uh huh.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A And if that was important or not--

Q Uh huh.

A --you know, do you suppose that it had anything--something about that there was some people out there that nobody knew about it, and it seemed obvious, weird to me that nobody knew about it when I went in.

Q Did you describe this person as being--one of the people as being a female in a white dress?

A Right.

Q You told him this and then sometime later, I think, you heard the kid--some kid mention something about a white dress and polka dots--

A Right.

Q --is that right?

A Right.

Q Was this where you got the idea or where some--

A I don't know.

Q --somebody misquoted you?

A I don't know. I guess. Uhm, I don't know.

Q Okay, now earlier, also, you said--or previous to tonight, somebody had quoted you as saying that you had seen this same woman, who you saw with the white dress, that then was described as a white dress with black polka dots and which, in fact, was only a white dress that you saw?

A Uh huh.

Q Right. Is that right?

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A Yes.

Q And then somebody misquoted you or stated that you had said that this girl had told you to the effect, "We have shot him?"

A Uh huh. Right.

Q And you said, "Who is--who did you shoot?" And that they told you, "Kennedy." Now this is also--

A --I didn't say--

Q --out of proportion here?

A Right.

Q Is that right?

A Right.

Q And in effect what you have told me previously is that this person told you "he shot Kennedy" or "they shot Kennedy"; is that right?

A Um, something or something about shooting Kennedy, yeah.

Q Well, also before you had stated that you had heard some shots?

A No, I never said I heard shots.

Q You never said that. Well, now, somebody quoted you as saying that you had heard shots.

A No, I never said I heard shots.

Q Okay.

A I heard backfires of a car, and I know they were backfires from a car, I know they weren't gunshots.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Q You know for a fact they were not gunshots?

A I know it.

Q Okay, also, where was it that you saw the waiter, the waiter--the kid that was a waiter in the kitchen? Where did you see him and hear his statement?

A Upstairs.

Q In the Embassy Room?

A Uh huh.

Q Okay, now, why had you before said that you hadn't been up to the Embassy Room?

A I hadn't until they took me up.

Q Oh, until the police took you up?

A Until the police took me up.

Q And is that when you heard the kid say something?

A Right.

Q About a woman?

A Right.

Q In a white polka dot dress?

A Right.

Q So that's where that thing about--

A I guess. I don't know.

Q --the polka dot dress, that's where it was started?

A I guess. Well, I think so because that was the day they took me down to the Ambassador, and Ambrose said, "When did you tell me it was a polka dot dress?" And I said,

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"I don't know; when did I tell you?" "Wasn't that outside in the parking lot"? "Yeah, I think so; okay."

Q Well, regardless of what was said before, now we know that it was a girl in a white dress that you saw?

A Right.

Q And then you heard the kid up in the Embassy Room after the police took you up there, you heard him say something about a girl with a black polka dot or white dress with black polka dots?

A Right.

Q That's the first time you saw or heard anything?

A Right.

Q About polka dots. Now, just to clarify your statement which is now a truthful statement; right?

A Right.

Q Is that when you said earlier that you had seen a woman coming down the stairs with another man, as a matter of fact you saw a lot of people coming down the stairs. About how many people did you see would you say, just roughly?

A I don't know. Three or four.

Q Could it have been more than four?

A Couldn't have been more than five, I know. Couldn't have possibley have been more than five.

Q All right. Okay. Also, I think you said something about you called home after you had heard?

Form 618 (R-3-4)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A Right.

Q About Kennedy being shot?

A Right.

Q Do you remember after you got con--made contact with your parents, do you remember telling them anything about, or not telling them anything about knowing who had shot or anything?

A No, I didn't.

Q Did you mention anything about that to them?

A No.

Q Okay, Sandra, just for the purpose of possible--

A I just told them that he was shot.

Q Yeah, that he was shot?

A That nobody knew about it. I think I mentioned that to them that nobody knew that he was shot, or something.

Q I wonder if you can tell me, Sandy, if you will, in your own words, why it is that this thing was magnified in your mind to the proportion when you first knew either through television or through the newspaper media?

A To everything?

Q To everything that you saw.

A Right.

Q When was the first time that you knew that this was a pack of mistruths, and somebody else had misquoted or printed?

A When I went down to the police station.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Q Which one, this police station?

A Rampart.

Q At Rampart, okay. What did you hear at Rampart that you knew was not true on that date?

A What did I hear?

Q Yeah, what did you hear? You knew this is starting to magnify, right?

A It was already magnified.

Q It was already magnified at that time?

A Yeah, it was already magnified.

Q What were they saying?

A Well, while I was back there they were asking questions, yes. Yeah, it was a man in a waiting seat. Yeah, yeah, yeah, you know--I don't--fifty people--I don't know, around fifty--actually there were about five--four, you know, people were asking me questions at the same time; and all I know that was when I was sitting there, I knew from that I said--well, you put this and this together, and you've got it. "Leave me alone now, and then we can all go now." That's it.

Q Why didn't you correct them at that time, Sandy?

A I don't know. After--well, two reason, so I didn't want to look like a fool, which I look like now. Another reason, because everybody figures--everybody thinks--they say, "Yeah, let's go; that's right." You know, know--I was sitting there hearing descriptions and descriptions

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

of those people, of those people, of those people. Oh, God, no, maybe that's what I'm supposed to have seen. Did I see this woman? You know, I thought I was supposed to see more than--more than I did. I was really going to believe that. It messed me up, that's all; and I figured, well, they must know what they're doing--I mean, they are police--after all they have to know what they're doing, and I just figured they knew what they were doing. That's all.

Q Sandy, just for my own personal edification, now why, when I talked to you earlier this evening, in front of your Aunt Maggie, why didn't you then tell me the truth?

A Because I knew I was going to tell you later.

Q Did you know you were going to tell me later?

A Yes.

Q Do you feel better now, Maggie?

A My name is not Maggie.

Q I mean Sandy?

A Yes and no. Well, yes, I feel better. In fact, you know, finally I got--you know somebody and that's why I didn't want it to bother me anymore because I knew that it would keep growing and growing and growing. That's why that day I got so filled with everything over there and they wouldn't even let me talk to anybody, that's what killed me. They wouldn't even let me talk to anybody, and I told them that I wanted to talk to somebody. They wouldn't even let me--uhm, u'm, then put two and two together I figured, well,

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

they must know what they're doing. There must be something out of this, you know. I feel bad for the fact that I didn't--that I didn't stand up in the beginning and say something, and I should have.

Q But you are standing up now and saying the truth which is--

A Yeah, but it's not that I--the whole thing was a lie; that's it, and I don't know which fellow that I--I really, to tell you the truth, I don't really feel it was my fault. That's what--that's that man in that interview tape.

Q All right.

A --I didn't even know--I didn't even know I was on television. To tell you the truth, I didn't even know it.

Q Remember then you--I understand that you were before some people, some TV cameras or something, and you were looking at some polka dot dresses; remember that?

A Yes.

Q Why didn't you correct it then? When you were being shown the polka dot--

A Because everybody was making me nervous.

Q Everybody was making you nervous?

A Yeah, you know they didn't have stuff and we were down there, down there a long time and doing nothing. Just doing nothing and that stuff. And, you know, because they came and picked me up at work around 11:15, and I never got home until six o'clock. And we didn't do anything during

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

that time, anything, and then when I finally wanted to talk about it, they wouldn't even let me talk to anybody--"take her home--take her home." And now you're supposed to do this, now you're supposed to do that. They didn't even know what they were doing between themselves. That's what killed me. That's why--that's what it did to me is that I'm not never going to say anything anymore. And that's when if I'm going to have a hassle between myself whether to say anything or not, because you--you say something, and it turns out to be something else, and you know it but it's so involved or it's so messed up that you can't say anything. You really feel you can't say anything, and you know you're supposed to say something. But I'll tell you what, and I don't know--I guess everybody feels that way, and I get kind of nervous, that's all. And I think it was the first cop's fault. I want to put the blame on somebody. I want to shift it from me or something.

Q Tell me--tell me about that, about the first cop.

A Nothing--nothing--nothing like the one I have.

Q That first policeman that you talked to?

A The first policeman that I talked to was Ambrose, and he talked to me about the kid following me, I remember that much. "What do you see, a bunch of people following you"? I said, "Oh, what in--yeah, I guess so." Yeah, you know now everything was a hassle. Everything was in a daze. I told him that I was in a daze, and I knew I was in a daze.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Q Uh huh.

A Because you can't--because I've been in front of TV cameras before; and you know when the cameras are on you because you can feel that heat, and I didn't feel anything.

Q Well, at least you're being a decent, honest woman right now; aren't you, you know?

A Yes, yes, yes. I don't think I'm very decent.

Q Well, you are being decent. You're telling the truth now.

A Yeah, in a way. You know what I think? Some changes should be made.

Q For example?

A Well, for example, first, when somebody sees something, let them go--I mean, you don't--don't feed something to them which I really thought was being done to me.

Q Fed information about the people?

A Yeah, and you know when somebody sees something, keep them away from other people who have seen it. Because you don't know--you don't know what happens, anything that while that you really thought seeing something. I understand that, that you know that everything was quite messed up, and you know you can't be as careful, you know, and all that stuff; but I really think--I mean--I'm really sorry that it happened.

Q Sure, I think most people are sorry, and that I

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

think that we know that we're trying to do the best job we can in this final investigation on this thing.

A Yeah.

Q And you see all the man-hours that we're going--

A --well, you see another thing, too, you know that is that that other newspaper came out with that somebody else had seen it, and then I--and then I seen it on television somebody else had seen the girl in the white dress, and I thought maybe that girl did have something to do with it, you know. I kept thinking to myself, maybe--you know, gee--

Q But when you saw the big difference was that the one you saw was a white dress and the one that somebody says that they saw was a white dress with black polka dots, and--

A --someone saw--

Q --and regardless of what they saw, you know we just want to get the facts, and the facts that you saw were partly, apparently, were misquoted, or misprinted, or mistelevised to the actual true facts?

A Well, they can't have been mistelevised because I said that. I actually said that. None of them--

Q What you--

A --I don't know. Somewhere I heard it. I don't know why I said it, but it just fitted. Then it happened that it all fitted in, and I couldn't understand it, you know. Then, yeah, I really thought there was something behind it. I was scared. I tell you I've been scared all

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

this time.

Q Okay, well, don't be scared anymore; okay? I'm going to stop this, and I'm going to be right back. I'm going to catch my call, and I'm going to see if your aunt--your auntie's back.

A Where did she go?

Q Well, I think they took her up for a coke or something, or coffee or something. Just bear with me for a couple of minutes.

A Well, please tell me what's going to happen or something.

Q Oh, yes. Excuse me a second. Okay?

A You could have left that. I wouldn't look at it.

Q I know you wouldn't but I just want to look at it myself.

(Short time lapse here of about three or four minutes)

Q Okay, Sandy, they tell me you have got a talent?

A Oh, really?

Q For the purposes of the interview now, we're completing this interview at 10:35 p.m.

A It's not on.

Q 10:35 p.m., and everything you have told me now is the truth that you remember?

A Right.

Q Ah--

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

A How can I tell all these people that?

Q What we're going to do, Sandy, is I'm not going to tell your aunt anything. I think we should decide how we're going to handle it. Will--will you--do you want to tell her yourself? I don't want to tell her unless you want me to.

A No, I don't want to.

Q Okay, then, in the event that there is any--

A I don't want anybody saying anything.

Q Well, to her you mean?

A Just to her.

Q Well, I'm not going to tell anyone here. Of couse, we're going to have to cancel--

A --I know that.

Q --all these reports, you know that.

A I know that.

Q But in the event that I have to talk to--to you again, can I have your phone number for the purposes of this tape? Now, where you can be reached. Your address is what? Where you're staying now?

A 2212 North Marengo, Altadena.

Q 2212 North Marengo in Altadena, California.

A I don't know my phone number.

Q You don't know your phone number there at the place?

A No, we just had it changed.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Q Okay, where--oh, you mean the new phone number?

A The new phone number.

Q Okay, we'll get that from Maggie then. What about the phone number at work?

A I don't know it either. I just started working there.

Q What's the name of the place where you work?

A Martin Luther King Westside Study Center, 19--1948 North Fair Oaks.

Q 1948 North Fair Oaks, and it's the Martin Luther King Study Center.

A --Westside Study Center.

Q Westside Study Center. Okay, now, I will not--

A --what if I lost my job over this damn stupid thing, and I lost pay and everything?

Q But the thing is this, that if we have to contact you, I will call you myself; okay?

A Yeah.

Q And I hope that we won't have to talk to you again. I don't think that we will. Okay?

A Yeah, yeah.

Q Okay.

A Oh, well, you said you were going to tell me what's going to happen--about what's going to happen.

SGT. HERNANDEZ: Let's go back into the other side.

* * * * * * * *

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

LA 56-156
JOS/sro

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
PURCHASES OF AMMUNITION
BY SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
AT LOCK, STOCK 'N BARREL GUN SHOP,
SAN GABRIEL, CALIFORNIA

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/21/68

1

Mrs. DONA (No Middle Name) HERRICK, residing at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California, telephone number AT 6-7877, furnished the following information:

Her husband is BENJAMIN JAMES HERRICK. Together they own and operate the Lock, Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 East Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, telephone number 287-0051. This is a gun and ammunition sales store.

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following written statement:

"June 16, 1968
San Gabriel, California

"I, Dona Herrick, hereby furnish the following voluntary information to B. Bruce Bradford and Norbert R. Linker who have identified themselves to me as Special agents of the FBI.

"I live at 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California. My husband, Ben J. Herrick and I operate the Lock Stock 'N Barrel located at 8972 Huntington Dr. San Gabriel, California. I am 42 years old.

"On or about April 3, 1968 I was working at the store. Sometime between one and six p.m. three males of foreign extraction entered the store. I had never seen them before or since. Only one of the three spoke And with such an accent I could not understand him. I asked Ben to help me to understand him. I then understood this same person to say, 'Do you have any 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo', or words to that effect. Ben replied 'We don't have any'. The three then left without speaking further. They were here only three or four minutes. I did not see them leave in any car. As they were leaving they picked up one of our business cards from the counter. They made no purchase.

On 6/16/68 at San Gabriel, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA's NORBERT R. LINKER and B. BRUCE BRADFORD/BBB/rem - 582 - Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"On June 16, 1968 I was showen a group of six photos by agents Bradford and Linker. I selected a photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and I am positive this is a photo of the man who inquired about 357 Mag. tank piercing ammo on or about April 3, 1968.

"A photo of Adel Sirhan and Munir Sirhan have been shown to me by the FBI on this date and both of these men bear strong resemblance's to the men who were with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan on or about April 3, 1968 in our store.

"I was not at the store on June 1, 1968 when cash sale No. 2372 was made.

"I have given original bill of sale No. 2372 dated June 1, 1968 to agents Bradford and Linker this date June 16, 1968.

"S/ Dona Herrick

"Witnesses:
S/ B. Bruce Bradford, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/16/68.
S/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, 6/16/68."

In addition to this written statement, Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following information:

She did not see any of these three men carrying or exhibiting any type of weapons on or about April 3, 1968. None of these three men mentioned or inquired about any .22 caliber ammunition.

Mrs. HERRICK advised that cash bill of sale Number 2372, dated June 1, 1968, was apparently filled out by an employee, LARRY ARNOT. It indicated the following sales were made:

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Quantity	Description	Price	Amount
2	Bx CCI 22	100	200
2	Bx S.X 22	90	180
			380
		Tax	19
			399

She explained each box contained 50 cartridges. The "CCI" refers to the manufacturer, Cascade Cartridge, Incorporated, Lewiston, Idaho. The "22" refers to .22 caliber cartridges. According to the price of $1.00 per box the sale was for .22 caliber, long rifle, hollow point, mini-mag ammunition. She explained the second two boxes would have been for .22 caliber, long rifle, standard Super X, manufactured by the Winchester-Western Division of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation. The original, white copy, of the sales slip is kept by her firm with the second tissue copy. The third copy, colored yellow, is given to the customer as his receipt. Mrs. HERRICK advised she would keep the book from which sales slip Number 2372 was taken and make it available if needed.

The following photographs were shown to Mrs. HERRICK on June 16, 1968:

1. ADEL SIRHAN
2. SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN
4. SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN
   MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968 (With glasses)
   MUNIR SIRHAN, 68 521 466, dated June 5, 1968 (Without glasses)
   SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, Los Angeles Police Department BK 495 139, dated June 5, 1968

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	21-25 years

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	130-135 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Medium to dark tan, possible acne on face, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses
Voice	Medium to soft
Accent	Foreign
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted except for acne possibility on face
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Normal oval shape
Eyebrows	Dark and thick
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and ½ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as ADEL SIRHAN, stating she believes she might recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	29-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Complexion	Dark brown, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, wavy, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown "piercing, penetrating", most prominent feature, no glasses
Teeth	Unrecalled
Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Long oval, elongated, narrow face
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Prominent
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and ½ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; very clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK furnished the following description for the man she believes bears a strong resemblance to the man shown in a photograph as MUNIR SIRHAN, stating she is not sure if she would recognize him again if she were to see him:

Race	Caucasian
Sex	Male
Age	25-30 years
Height	5 foot 3 inches
Weight	135-140 pounds
Build	Slight
Nationality	Possible Mexican descent
Complexion	Dark tan, smooth, clean shaven
Hair	Dark brown or black, full head, possibly curly, combed straight back, no part in hair recalled
Eyes	Dark brown, no glasses recalled
Teeth	Unrecalled

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Jewelry	None noted
Scars and Marks	None noted
Tattoos	None noted
Head	Oval
Eyebrows	Brown or black, medium
Nose	Normal
Ears	Normal
Voice and Accent	Not noted as did not speak
Clothing	No hat; white "T" shirt with round neck and ½ sleeves with tail tucked in belt; white duck trousers such as worn by Navy; brown or black belt; no coat; shoes not noted; clean and neat

Mrs. HERRICK advised she would described the clothing worn by all three men as being very similar as though they might have been "in uniform clothing". She stated, however, that she did not observe any lettering on the clothing. She was impressed with the fact that all three appeared to be "neat and clean".

In addition she advised that when she saw these three men in their store on or about April 3, 1968, she and her husband were the only ones working at the time. Her husband was waiting on one other customer at the time. This was the only other person in the store at the time but she advised she can not recall the identity of this other customer.

Mrs. HERRICK advised she is unable to furnish any other additional information at this time.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/20/68

Mr. BENJAMIN J. HERRICK, 9436 Pentland, Temple City, California, telephone Number AT 6-7877, advised he is the owner of the Lock, Stock, 'n Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, telephone Number 287-0051. Mr. HERRICK furnished the following signed statement:

"San Gabriel, Calif.
June 17, 1968

"I, Benjamin J. Herrick, make the following statement to James H. Stanton and C. Kenneth Arnold who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I understand this statement may be used in a court of law.

"I have discussed with my wife, Dona, the events surrounding the visit of three men, all foreign appearing, to my gun shop, the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel, 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, about April 15, 1968. I now recall that three men entered the store and looked around. My attention was drawn to them because they were very interested in the handgun display. I drew the impression that they were foreign because of their interest in the display. I have observed that other persons of foreign nationality show unusual interest in gun displays, perhaps because such displays are unknown in their own countries.

"I did not observe these three men until they were in the store. I did not see them arrive in a vehicle. I did see them when they approached my wife and asked her a question and she then turned to me for assistance. At this time one of them asked me if we had any armor piercing ammunition in the store. I do carry such ammunition which I sell to law enforcement officers. After observing that these men were not law enforcement officers I said that we did not have such ammunition in stock. The three men then

---

On 6/17/68 at San Gabriel, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

SA C. KENNETH ARNOLD and - 588 -

by SA JAMES H. STANTON CKA/sro Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

left the store. I did not observe the men closely on this visit and I now only recall that they were short, dark and foreign looking.

"On June 1, 1968, I was again working at my store. I don't recall the time of the incident, but it was sometime after opening hour of 12:00 noon. I was talking to a customer about a shotgun. I do not recall the name of this customer, but he was interested in trap shooting and I think we were discussing a Browning over/under shotgun. During the conversation I was standing near my desk in the northwest corner of the store. Larry Arnot, one of my employees, was standing at the ammunition counter which is at the southwest corner of the store. I happened to glance over my shoulder and observed there were three short, dark, foreign looking persons talking with him. From their appearance I thought they were the same three persons who had been in the store on the April 15th date inquiring about the armor piercing ammunition. I observed these three persons from the rear only. I continued my discussion with my customer and when I finished the three men were gone.

"I cannot give specific descriptions of the three men because of the short period of time I had to look at them. I believe they were all males, in their early 20's, all about 5'5" or 5'6" (all shorter than I at 5'8"), slender build, about 130 lbs. I recall that they all were very dark complected. One had kinky hair. The other two had curly hair. They were all wearing casual clothing, probably pants and sport shirts. None of them had glasses, tattoos or jewelry which I can recall. None of them was carrying anything when they were in the store to the best of my recollection. I have the impression they were all clean, neat and well groomed.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"I recall discussing the nationality of the three men. I remember someone saying they were possibly Philipino. I commented that I did not think they were Philipino because they had curly hair and all Philipinos have straight hair. I could not identify any of the three men as being from a middle east country.

"I have observed photographs of Adel Sirhan, Sharif Bishara Sirhan, Saidallah Bishara Sirhan and Munir Sirhan and cannot identify any of them as being in the store.

"I cannot identify Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as one of the three men in the store. I have seen his photograph in the papers and on TV and cannot now state that I am identifying him from being in my store or from seeing his picture in the news media.

"I have read the above 2 page statement and to the best of my knowledge it is true.

"/s/ Benjamin J. Herrick

"Witness:

"C. Kenneth Arnold, Spl Agt, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif., 6/17/68
James H. Stanton, Sp. Agent, FBI, Los Angeles, Calif. 6/17/68"

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

LARRY KENNETH ARNOT, Salesman, Lock Stock 'N Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 East Huntington Drive, residence 517 Melcanyon Road, Duarte, California, residence telephone 358-7887, was interviewed at his employment.

ARNOT advised that sometime during the mid-afternoon of June 1, 1968, three men entered the gun shop and walked directly to the last counter on the south side of the building where they momentarily paused and appeared to be looking over the various boxes of ammunition which were located behind that particular counter.

ARNOT stated that as he approached the three men to inquire whether he could be of any assistance, the shorter of the three men stated, "I want two boxes of Mini Mags", or words to that effect. ARNOT stated that simultaneously, one of the three separated himself from his other two associates by a distance of approximately six to eight feet and appeared to be intent on the items which were located behind the counter on the west side of the building.

He related that as he turned towards the ammunition stock, he asked the man who had ordered the "Mini Mags" whether he desired the standard type or the hollow point type.

After learning that the purchaser desired the hollow point, he obtained two boxes of high velocity .22 caliber long rifle bullets, each box of which contained 50 shells.

On returning to the counter and placing the ammunition directly in front of the purchaser, his associate, who was standing along side him, then informed him that he wanted two boxes of .22 caliber long rifle shells of the standard type. ARNOT returned to the ammunition stock, removed two boxes of .22 caliber Super X ammunition and, on returning to the two men, placed all four boxes in a paper bag and then proceeded to complete a sales invoice.

On 6/16/68 at San Gabriel, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA B. BRUCE BRADFORD and - 591 - SA NORBERT R. LINKER/NRL/asi Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He related that on completing the sales which totaled $3.99 including tax, he removed the yellow copy of the three copy sales invoice from the sales book and placed it in the bag with the four boxes of ammunition.

He advised that although not certain which one of the two individuals paid him for the sales transaction, he received the money, thanked them, at which point all three men departed the store leaving via the front door.

ARNOT also recalled that midway through the course of the transaction, he asked the shorter of the two men who had purchased the ammunition whether they planned to go rabbit hunting, as the .22 caliber bullets they were buying appeared ideal to him for that type of game. He advised that the shorter man acknowledged that that was their plan, to which he asked, "Are you going toward Red Mountain", which ARNOT explained was located off Highway 395 in San Bernardino County, as ARNOT knew this area to be an excellent rabbit hunting ground. ARNOT stated that he specifically recalled that the shorter man answered in the negative and cited another spot where they planned to go hunting but, at this time, ARNOT cannot recall that location.

ARNOT stated that one or two days subsequent to the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, he observed a photograph of KENNEDY's alleged assailant SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on either television or in a newspaper, at which time he instantaneously realized that SIRHAN was the shorter of the two men to whom he had sold the two boxes of "Mini Mags" on June 1, 1968, while SIRHAN was in the company of two associates.

At that point in the interview, ARNOT was displayed the below listed photographs:

SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

MUNIR SIRHAN
(Two photographs, one of which depicts MUNIR with glasses, the other without glasses)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

ADEL SIRHAN

SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN

SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN

After closely reviewing the above photographs, ARNOT identified the picture of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as being identical to the individual to whom he had sold the two boxes of .22 caliber, long rifle, high velocity shells to on June 1, 1968. Upon completing his identification of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, ARNOT affixed his initials and the date of June 16, 1968, on the rear of this picture.

Continuing his review of the remaining four photographs, ARNOT chose the photograph of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN from the remaining pictures and advised that he was of the opinion that SHARIF "bears a strong resemblance" to the individual who, while standing next to SIRHAN in the shop on June 1, 1968, ordered and purchased two boxes of .22 caliber, long rifle, Super X bullets. ARNOT stated that he could not make a positive identification of the photograph of SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN but could be positive if afforded the opportunity of viewing this individual in person.

Regarding the third individual who had entered the store and then had parted from the other two men to view other merchandise, ARNOT stated that he was not confident that he would effect the identification of this person by either photograph or in person viewing.

ARNOT was then displayed Lock Stock 'N Barrel original sales invoice number 2372 which reflects the date June 1, 1968, for a cash transaction of two boxes of CCI .22 caliber ammunition and two boxes of Super X .22 caliber ammunition with tax totaling $3.99. ARNOT identified the writing upon this invoice as his own and advised that he believes this is the sales slip covering the purchase made by SIRHAN and his associate. After viewing the sales slip, ARNOT affixed his initials to the document as well as the date June 16, 1968.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

At this point in the interview, ARNOT prepared the following voluntary signed statement in his own hand:

"June 16_ 1968
San Gabriel_ California

"I, Larry Kenneth Arnot_ hereby furnish the following signed statement to Norbert R. Linker and B. Bruce Bradford who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"I am 36 years of age and reside at 517 Melcanyon Rd._ Duarte_ California. I am employed as a salesman at the Lock Stock 'N Barrel gun shop, 8972 E. Huntington Dr._ San Gabriel_ California.

"During the afternoon of June 1, 1968 3 men entered my employment and walked to the rear of the store where out stock of ammunition is located. Two of the men remained positioned at the counter, their associate parted from them at a distance of about six feet and began to look over the items behind another counter.

"One of two men standing together appeared interested in the ammunition behind the counter. After approaching them to inquire if I could be any help the shorter of the two men responded by stating 'I want two boxes of Mini Mags' or words to that effect. On questioning he added that he wanted the hollow point as opposed to the standard type. I would like to point out at this time that 'Mini Mag' is a brand or type of high velocity .22 caliber ammunition of short, long or long rifle sizes.

"I obtained two boxes of hollow point .22 caliber high velocity, long rifle 'Mini Mags' made by the Cascade Catridge Inc. of Lewiston_ Idaho and placed them on the counter. Each box contained fifty cartridges.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

"After placing the cartridges on the counter the person standing next to the person who had ordered the 'Mini Mags' then asked me to get him two boxes of .22 cal. 'Super X' long rifle bullets. On returning to the counter I placed two boxes of .22 cal. 'Super X' standard long rifle bullets manufactured by Winchester-Western Division of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. along side the other two boxes.

"I totaled a sales receipt arriving at a total of $3.99. I placed the four boxes of ammo. in a paper bag along with the customer yellow copy of the cash sales slip. I cannot recall whether one of both of these men paid me the cash covering the $3.99 sale.

"I have been shown a photograph of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan by agents Bradford and Linker of the F.B.I. and positively identified this individual as the person to whom I sold the two boxes of .22 cal. high velocity, long rifle, hollow point 'Mini Mags' on 6-1-68.

"I have been shown a photograph of a person identified to me as Sharif Bishara Sirhan by agents Bradford and Linker and believe that he strongely resembles the individual who was with Sirhan Bishara Sirhan and to whom I sold the two boxes of the standard .22 cal., long rifle 'Super X' Western ammunition on the same date.

"I have read this statement, initialed all corrections and find it to be true and correct.

"/s/ Larry Kenneth Arnot
6-16-68

"Witnessed: /s/ Norbert R. Linker, Special Agent, F.B.I., 6/16/68
/s/ B. Bruce Bradford, S.A., F.B.I., L.A., Calif., 6-16-68"

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

ARNOT, thereafter, furnished the following description of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	130 to 135 pounds
Age	21 to 25 years
Hair	Black or dark brown, bushy, unkempt
Build	Slight
Complexion	Ruddy
Nationality	Appeared to be of Mexican descent; ARNOT stated that he is not familiar with the general characteristics of people with Middle Eastern backgrounds
Eyes	Unrecalled
Scars and Marks	Unrecalled
Teeth	Unrecalled
Facial Conformation	Lean, gaunt, cheeks noticeable but not pronounced, nose normal size and shape, clean shaven,
Clothing	Hatless; white or light colored, long sleeved shirt, neck opened, soiled at the neck and sleeve areas, appeared to have been "slept in"; trousers unrecalled; shoes not known; jewelry not observed

ARNOT then proceeded to describe the individual standing along side SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and who had purchased the two boxes of standard .22 caliber Super X shells:

Race	White (ARNOT emphasized that if this individual was a member of the Caucasian race, he was extremely dark)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Sex	Male
Height	5'6"
Weight	145 pounds
Age	20 to 25 years
Build	Slender
Complexion	ARNOT stated that if he was Caucasian, he would be considered to have a very dark complexion
Hair	Black or dark brown, short, kinky texture with either curls or waves
Nationality	Appeared to be either Mexican or American Indian (ARNOT advised that he was not familiar with the physical characteristics of persons from the Middle East area)
Facial Conformation	Nose appeared broad and somewhat flattened; face oval shaped; thin eyebrows; lips appeared to be dark or redder than lips of most Caucasians; width of lips thin
Complexion	Smooth, clean shaven
Eyes	Unrecalled
Scars and Marks	Unrecalled
Clothing	Hatless; dark bluish green or olive green loose fitting long sleeved sport shirt, buttons down the center of the shirt, shirt thought to have overlapped trousers; trousers unrecalled; belt unrecalled; shoes unrecalled

ARNOT stated that he felt confident that he could effect a positive identification of this individual if afforded the opportunity of viewing him in person.

ARNOT, thereafter, furnished the description of the individual who, on arriving in the store, remained

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

separated from SIRHAN and his other associate at a distance of approximately six feet throughout the sales transaction:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4"
Weight	Unrecalled
Build	Medium
Hair	Black or dark brown, wavy, "unruly"
Complexion	Unrecalled, clean shaven
Age	Unrecalled
Nationality	Possibly Mexican (ARNOT advised that he was not familiar with the characteristics of individuals with Middle Eastern backgrounds)
Contour of Face	Unrecalled
Width of Lips	Unrecalled
Shape of Nose	Unrecalled
Shape of Face	Unrecalled
Clothing	ARNOT stated that he could not recall any items of wearing apparel he was wearing

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
CKA/mmc

The following investigation was conducted by SA C. KENNETH ARNOLD and SA JAMES H. STANTON:

Mr. BENJAMIN HERRICK, Owner, Lock, Stock 'n Barrel Gun Shop, 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, was contacted on June 18, 1968 and made available for review his records of handgun sales. Mr. HERRICK explained the laws of the State of California require a person purchasing a handgun wait five days after purchase before picking up the gun from the store where it is purchased.

The handgun records were reviewed and it was observed that JEFFREY EWING, 1110 East Claremont, Pasadena, California purchased a handgun on May 25, 1968. ARNOLD GERSON, 11204 La Maida, North Hollywood, California purchased a handgun on May 24, 1968.

The handgun records disclose that there were no purchases of handguns made on June 1, 1968.

Mr. HERRICK also made available his records concerning the sale of rifles. These records indicate Mr. JOE CRNOGORAC, 9730 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, California, was in the store on June 1, 1968 and made a purchase.

The sales receipt books of the gun shop were also reviewed for June 1, 1968. These records did not contain the names of any persons making purchases on that date. Mr. HERRICK reviewed each of the sales tickets in an effort to recall who might have made purchases, but was unable to remember any specific customer in the store on June 1, 1968.

Mr. HERRICK checked his records of credit card sales for the BankAmericard and Master Charge credit card sales. These are the only two credit cards which Mr. HERRICK recognizes. There were no sales made on either of these cards on June 1, 1968.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mr. HERRICK said that he could not explain how SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN selected the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel Gun Shop to make his purchase on June 1, 1968. He advised that he does not advertise in any kind of daily, weekly or throw-away newspaper. His only advertisement is a small ad in the Yellow Pages of the San Gabriel Valley section of the telephone book. He also advised he does not cater to any gun clubs, shooting clubs, etc.

Mr. HERRICK advised that he could not recall any deliveries being made to his store on June 1, 1968 other than the regular mail delivery which comes about 2:00 p.m. He pointed out that June 1, 1968 was a Saturday and that most delivery services, which frequent his shop do not make deliveries that day.

Mr. HERRICK stated he has given the matter of identifying customers who might have been in the store at the same time that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was there careful consideration. He stated he could not recall any customer being in the store during the pertinent period. He said he would continue to consider this matter and would advise if he could recall anyone who had been in the store at the appropriate time. Mr. HERRICK said he has discussed this matter with his wife and neither of them could recall any customer who might have seen SIRHAN and his associates when they were in the store.

Mrs. BENJAMIN HERRICK (DONA), advised on June 18, 1968 that she could furnish no information other than that already furnished by her husband. She stated she was not at the store on June 1, 1968. She recalled that she was at home on that date. Her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD L. HINELINE, 606 Circle Drive, Solano Beach, California, were visiting her. She recalled that sometime during the day they went to the store to talk to her husband. She did not accompany them. She said she has discussed the possible appearance of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN on June 1, 1968 with them several times within the last

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

few days. Both her mother and stepfather have advised Mrs. HERRICK that they do not recall anyone fitting the description of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and his associates in the store while they were there.

Mr. JEFFREY EWING, 1110 East Claremont, Pasadena, California, advised on June 19, 1968 that he purchased a handgun at the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel Gun Shop on May 25, 1968. He was going to pick the gun up on May 30, 1968. He received an invitation to go camping in the desert and left on May 30, 1968 and did not return to the Pasadena area until the morning of June 2, 1968. He went to the gun shop at noon, June 2, 1968, and met Mr. HERRICK when he came to open the shop for business. He picked up his gun at that time and has not been back to the store since. He stated that he has been in the store on only two occasions, May 25, 1968 and June 2, 1968. He is not a regular customer at the store.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, MUNIR SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN were displayed to Mr. EWING andhe could not identify any of the photographs as someone he has seen before.

Mr. ARNOLD GERSON, 11204 La Maida, North Hollywood, was contacted at his employment, the U. S. Navy Under-Sea Warfare Center, 3202 East Foothill, Pasadena, California. He advised that he purchased a gun at the Lock, Stock and Barrel Gun Shop, on May 24, 1968. He picked up the gun approximately June 7, 1968. Mr. GERSON said he was out of town on business on May 30 and 31, 1968 and was unable to pick up his gun until the following week. He stated he has only been at this shop on two or three occasions and that has always been around 1:00 p.m. on a weekday, while he is on his lunch hour.

Photographs of SIRHAN SIRHAN, ADEL SIRHAN, MUNIR SIRHAN, SHARIF SIRHAN and SAIDALLAH SIRHAN were displayed to Mr. GERSON who advised he was unable to identify any of them as persons he has seen before.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mr. JOE CRNOGORAC, 9730 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, California, telephone 928-1908, advised he is a reserve Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff. He stated he occasionally visits the Lock, Stock 'n Barrel Gun Shop in San Gabriel, California. He said that he purchased a gun from this store on June 1, 1968. He said he usually goes to the store in the evening hours. He said that he can not recall ever having seen anyone in the store. He said that he usually goes in to see if BEN HERRICK has any guns to trade. He talks to him for only a few minutes and then leaves. Mr. CRNOGORAC said he would not be able to recognize anyone who was in the store when he was there, because he does not pay any attention to other customers who are there.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

MARY SIRHAN (MARY) 1696 East Howard Street, advised that she never observed a gun or ammunition in the possession of her son SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN).

MARY related that she doubts very seriously if any of her other sons socialized with SIRHAN or were seen in SIRHAN's company during recent months. She explained that SIRHAN was a boy that kept to himself and did not talk to his brothers other than ADEL. She said that SIRHAN has not said more than hello to his brothers SAIDALLAH and SHARIF in over three years, and she is positive that during the last three years SIRHAN did not see either SAIDALLAH or SHARIF away from her residence at 1696 East Howard Street.

MARY related that several months ago SIRHAN and his brother MUNIR had a violent argument and during the last several months were barely on speaking terms.

She said the only brother that SIRHAN was on speaking terms during recent months was ADEL.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL and - 603 -
SA(A) ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/AAH/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

SAIDALLAH BISHARA SIRHAN (SAIDALLAH) was contacted at his residence, Apartment 7, 1659 North Lake Street. SAIDALLAH advised that during the last five years he has not conducted any conversation of significance with his brother, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN), other than saying hello. SAIDALLAH noted that on numerous occasions he would visit the family residence at 1696 East Howard Street, at which time he would say hello to SIRHAN and on numerous occasions SIRHAN would not even acknowledge his hello. SAIDALLAH stated that during this period he and SIRHAN never socialized together and he had not seen SIRHAN for approximately one month prior to June 4, 1968.

SAIDALLAH stated that he does not own any firearms and he personally has not frequented a gun shop. SAIDALLAH stated that at no time did he ever frequent the Lock Stock and Barrel Gun Shop at 8977 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, with his brother SIRHAN.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL and - 604 -
SA(A) ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/AAH/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/18/68

SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN (SHARIF) was contacted at Apartment No. 7, 1659 North Lake Street, at which time he advised that he has not talked to his brother SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN) in approximately three years. During this period the only place he has seen SIRHAN is at the residence of their mother, 1696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California.

SHARIF said that he frequently eats at the Wooden Shoe Restaurant in Highland Park, California, however, he has not been to that restaurant since June 4, 1968, inasmuch as he has been staying in the Pasadena area since that date.

SHARIF said that at no time has he ever been to the Wooden Shoe Restaurant in the company of SIRHAN and to his knowledge SIRHAN has never been to the Wooden Shoe Restaurant.

SHARIF said he does not know any woman at the Wooden Shoe Restaurant by the name of SHARON or SHERYLL who is described as follows:

Race	White
Age	25 to 30 years
Height	5'5"
Hair	Dark red worn in ponytail

SHARIF related that he does not own any firearms and at no time has he visited a gun shop. SHARIF denied ever visiting the Lock Stock and Barrel Gun Shop 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, in the company of his brother SIRHAN.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 605 -

by SA JOSEPH DOYLE POWELL and SA(A) ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/AAH/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/18/68

1

ADEL BISHARA SIRHAN (ADEL) 696 East Howard Street, advised on June 15, 1968, that he has never been to the Wooden Shoe Restaurant in Highland Park, California.

ADEL stated that he doubts very seriously that his brothers SHARIF BISHARA SIRHAN (SHARIF) and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN (SIRHAN) ever frequented that restaurant together. He noted that SHARIF and SIRHAN had not talked to each other in approximately three years. He doubts very seriously that they have socialized or have been together in any manner during the last three years.

On June 17, 1968, ADEL advised that he had no knowledge that his brother, SIRHAN, ever had a gun in his possession. He added that he personally has never been to a gun shop and stated that at no time did he visit the Lock Stock and Barrel Gun Shop 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California, with his brother SIRHAN.

On 6/15&17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 606 -

by SA(A) ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/18/68

MUNIR BISHARA SIRHAN (MUNIR) was contacted at his place of employment, FC-Nash and Company 141 East Colorado Boulevard, at which time he advised that he has never been at the Lock Stock and Barrel Gun Shop 8972 Huntington Drive, San Gabriel, California.

MUNIR said he personally has never been to any gun store and as a result he never visited a gun store with his brother SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

On 6/17/68 at Pasadena, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 607 -

by SAA ALBERT A. HUSTEDT/vaa Date dictated 6/17/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

1
LA 56-156
JOS/sro

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING ALLEGED
STATEMENT MADE BY SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN
IN GOLDEN GARTER BAR, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA,
IN LATE MAY 1968 - "WE WILL WAIT TILL HE
GETS INTO TOWN AND THEN WE WILL GET HIM."

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/7/68

On June 7, 1968, Detective B. AHARONIAN, Alhambra Police Department, 220 West Woodward, telephone number CU 3-1231, was interviewed and furnished the following information relating to data they had received from ANDY and CARL MARTIGANI, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, California, on this date:

Detective AHARONIAN related that last evening, he received information from ANDY and CARL MARTIGANI, mentioned above, to the effect that SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN had visited their bar on a number of occasions in the recent past. On or about the last of May, ANDY MARTIGANI overheard SIRHAN say to "JIM", "We will wait till he gets into town and then we will get him." When they saw ANDY MARTIGANI approach, "JIM" said "Cool it". ANDY MARTIGANI heard nothing further concerning this conversation but noted that SIRHAN SIRHAN was driving a 1957 or 1958 DeSoto. Also, ANDY MARTIGANI stated that a KATHY VENNE, 1145 South Chapel Street, Alhambra, had dated "JIM" in the past. According to Detective AHARONIAN, both ANDY and CARL MARTIGANI had advised that when SIRHAN and "JIM" were in the bar, they were accompanied by a dark complexioned, similar nationality to SIRHAN's, man, who had a mustache and beard which he has recently shaved off. The MARTIGANIs believe that "JIM" works at the Worthington Corporation, Alhambra.

Detective AHARONIAN also advised that ANDY and CARL MARTIGANI had informed the Alhambra Police Department that the following individuals had also reportedly seen SIRHAN in the Golden Garter in the recent past:

DON TRUMBLE, Detective
Alhambra Police Department
(reportedly saw SIRHAN on at least one occasion and reportedly played pool with SIRHAN at the Golden Garter Bar on one occasion)

On 6/7/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 609 -

by SA DOUGLAS R. LUND/asi Date dictated 6/7/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

HAROLD PITZ
1104 South Marengo Avenue
Apartment E
Alhambra

STEPHEN STUART
12025 East Broadway
Whittier
Telephone 692-4280

Miss CAROL HAINES
1304 Westminster Avenue
Alhambra

ANDY and CARL MARTIGANI advised Detective AHARONIAN that approximately one month ago, "JIM", mentioned above, had come into the Golden Garter Bar and, either on that occasion or another occasion, mentioned that he knew of a girl who would be willing to work in the Golden Garter as a barmaid. He subsequently introduced a girl, using the name DOROTHY MANNING, to ANDY MARTIGANI and she was hired by the MARTIGANI brothers. At the time of employment, she listed her address as 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, and indicated that she was either presently employed part-time or previously employed at the Purple Bunny, Imperial and Norwalk Boulevards, Norwalk, California, telephone number 868-6672.

Detective AHARONIAN related that in checking public utilities and the Post Office Department, it was determined that a JAMES L. WILSON resided at 2317 West Main Street, Apartment A, Alhambra, and that he had left this address on or about June 1, 1968, no forwarding address given. Post Office information was obtained from Inspector JACK CLIFFORD, United States Post Office, Los Angeles, who had advised Detective AHARONIAN that the mail carrier covering that address had reported a JAMES L. WILSON was receiving mail at that address and the mailman indicated this particular mail appeared "subversive" to him.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

From utility records, Detective AHARONIAN determined that JAMES L. WILSON was last employed by the International Extrusion Corporation (International Aluminum), 1000 South Meridian Avenue, Alhambra.

Inquiry with BETTY CLEVELAND, Personnel Manager of the International Extrusion Company, revealed that JAMES L. WILSON was formerly employed with this concern; had Social Security Number [redacted]; date of birth April 24, 1940, 5'9" tall, 174 pounds; was a white male and resided at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra. According to company records, his employment was terminated on May 9, 1968, and he had Texas driver's license number 6248463.

Detective AHARONIAN also advised that when DOROTHY MANNING was introduced to ANDY MARTIGANI, Golden Garter Bar, for employment, she gave her Social Security Number as [redacted]. According to Detective AHARONIAN, this Social Security Number is subscribed to D. D. SANFORD, as of February 1966.

Detective AHARONIAN related that no further investigation has been conducted by his office concerning this matter other than an inquiry at the last known address of DOROTHY MANNING, 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, and no positive information was obtained from neighbors other than WILSON was reportedly driving a blue Ford. Also, Detective AHARONIAN stated that he is presently awaiting further utility checks and other established checks in an effort to identify "JIM" and also DOROTHY MANNING and their locations.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/7/68

ANDREW MARTIGANI, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, was interviewed and furnished data on an individual he believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN:

MARTIGANI related that approximately one month ago, an individual came into the bar who identified himself as "JIM". He became a semi-frequent customer of the bar and, during the course of his early visits, indicated that he knew a girl who would be willing to work in the bar as a barmaid. On a later occasion, he came into the bar with a girl who was identified to MARTIGANI as DOROTHY MANNING. DOROTHY MANNING stated she resided at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra; gave her Social Security Number as [redacted] and indicated that she was presently connected with, or was formerly connected with, the Purple Bunny Bar, Imperial and Norwalk Boulevards, Norwalk, California, telephone number 868-6672. ANDREW MARTIGANI described DOROTHY MANNING as a white female, 5'5" tall, 125 pounds, light complexion (rosy cheeks), bleached blonde hair, blue eyes and appeared to be approximately 23 or 24 years old.

ANDREW MARTIGANI advised that on one occasion, "JIM" came into the bar with an individual who appeared to be of Spanish descent and he received the impression that he was the boy friend of DOROTHY MANNING. MARTIGANI added that after two days, he became displeased with the work of DOROTHY MANNING and fired her for personal reasons.

MARTIGANI related that on May 29, 1968, an individual he believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN was in the bar along with "JIM", mentioned above. During the course of the evening, he happened to be walking by their table and overheard this individual comment to "JIM", "We will wait till he gets into town and then we will get him." When they saw ANDREW approach, "JIM" said, "Cool it." ANDREW heard nothing further concerning this oncversation.

On 6/7/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 612 -

by SA DOUGLAS R. LUND/asi/sdb Date dictated 6/7/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MARTIGANI advised that on the occasions he had seen this individual at the bar, he was driving a 1958 or 1959 De Soto believed to be orange and white in color and it was always parked in the rear of the bar.

MARTIGANI advised that "JIM" was a white male, approximately 28 years old, 5'10" tall, 170 pounds, hazel eyes, sandy, curly hair, medium complexion, appeared to be smiling all the time and had a southern accent. He continued that he had furnished the above information to the Alhambra Police Department and that based on this description they had made up a composite photograph of "JIM". MARTIGANI related that he had seen this individual on one occasion (May 29, 1968) and that his partner, CARL MARTIGANI, had seen him on three previous occasions; Detective DON TRUMBLE, Alhambra Police Department, had observed this individual at the bar on at least one occasion and had played pool with him; and, also, the following customers of the bar had reported seeing the same man at the Golden Garter Bar:

HAROLD PITZ
1104 Wouth Marengo Avenue, Apartment E
Alhambra, California;

STEPHEN STUART
12025 East Broadway
Whittier
Telephone 692-4280;

Miss CAROL HAINES
1304 Westminster Avenue
Alhambra

MARTIGANI stated that most of the above individuals he had mentioned in thisinterview were frequent customers of Thompson's Bar and Cafe located in Alhambra between Date and Palm Streets, and he believed that they might be able to identify "JIM", mentioned above.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He added that recently, he had made inquiry at the Purple Bunny in Norwalk and was informed by a STANLEY (Last Name Unknown)(LNU) that DOTTIE was known at that bar as a barmaid. He continued that STANLEY might possibly have background information on this girl, who probably is identical with DOROTHY MANNING.

MARTIGANI advised that he would try to remember further details concerning the above incidents and would gladly furnish this information to the FBI. He stated that his partner, CARL MARTIGANI, was not in the bar at the time but could be interviewed at a later date. He furnished his home address as 22901 Concord Avenue, Alhambra, telephone number 289-1707, and advised that the Golden Garter's telephone number is 282-2457.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/9/68

On June 8, 1968, ANDREW MARTIGANI, Proprietor, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, was reinterviewed and furnished substantially the same information he had furnished to SA DOUGLAS R. LUND on June 7, 1968, with the following exceptions:

MARTIGANI related after viewing a photograph of SIRHAN SIRHAN that he was ninety per cent certain that this was the individual he had observed with "JIM" at the Golden Garter Bar on or about May 29, 1968, wherein he overheard SIRHAN comment to "JIM", "We will wait till he gets into town and then we will get him." In connection with this conversation, he related that "JIM" owed him $5.00 and this was the purpose in going to speak to "JIM" sitting at the table with SIRHAN on that evening. "JIM" had requested more credit at the bar and MARTIGANI advised that he informed JIM" in the presence of SIRHAN SIRHAN that he would not extend any more credit and wanted the $5.00 that was owed to him. He added that "JIM" became somewhat upset; and after a few words, both he and SIRHAN departed the Golden Garter Bar.

MARTIGANI continued that he has not observed "JIM" or SIRHAN since that event.

On 6/8/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 615 -

by SAS DOUGLAS R. LUND and EWING G. LAYHEW /pjc Date dictated 6/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/9/68

On June 8, 1968, CARL M. MARTIGANI, Proprietor, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

MARTIGANI related, on approximately May 13, or 14, 1968, he saw an individual he believed to be SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN come into the Golden Garter Bar. From that date up until the Memorial Day weekend, he saw this man on at least three separate occasions. On one of these occasions he saw this individual with an individual known to him as "JIM"; and on the other two occasions, he observed him with an individual who appeared to be of Mexican descent.

MARTIGANI described "JIM" as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	28
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Sandy
Complexion	Medium
Eyes	Hazel
Characteristics	Appeared to have a southern accent and seemed to be smiling at all times

MARTIGANI described the Mexican appearing individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 to 25
Height	5'11" to 6'
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Slender

On 6/8/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SAS DOUGLAS R. LUND and EWING G. LAYHEW/pjc - 616 - Date dictated 6/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Hair	Dark black, combed flat over his head (possibly could be somewhat kinky)

MARTIGANI added that the above individual of Mexican descent had very, very dark skin but yet appeared to be of Caucasian race.

MARTIGANI related at approximately one and a half months ago, "JIM", while in the Golden Garter, recommended a girl for employment at this bar as a barmaid. At a later date he appeared at the bar with this girl who identified herself to MARTIGANI as DOROTHY MANNING. She filled out the customary employment applications, specifically the W-2 Form, and advised she is presently residing at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra; that she had been married twice previously; and had three children. She also advised MARTIGANI that she had been arrested in the recent past for a traffic violation; and after failing to appear for a hearing, she received ten days in jail and was released from jail just two days previous. She informed him that she previously worked at the Purple Bunny, Norwalk, California. He contacted the Purple Bunny and inquired concerning DOROTHY MANNING. He was advised by an individual, who identified himself as STANLEY at the Purple Bunny, that they were not acquainted with a DOROTHY MANNING, but they did have a DOTTIE who worked there.

MARTIGANI had observed the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN and the Mexican looking individual arrive at the bar in an orange and white Desoto (had white strip down center of doors and orange had appeared to be oxidized).

MARTIGANI described DOROTHY MANNING as follows:

Sex	Female
Race	White
Age	21 or 22
Height	5'4"
Weight	125 pounds

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Hair	Bleach blond, worn on top of head in a bun
Complexion	Fair
Eyes	Blue or gray
Characteristics	Sociable in nature; attractive in appearance

MARTIGANI added that absent the bleached hair, and her natural color was probably brunette.

MARTIGANI related that on number of occasions he picked DOROTHY MANNING up in the morning at 2317 West Main Street and brought her to work at the Golden Garter. On one of these occasions, the Mexican looking individual, described above, appeared at the door without his shirt on and indicated DOROTHY would be down shortly. He added that he never did observe "JIM" at this address.

MARTIGANI advised that the employment of DOROTHY MANNING was terminated because it was learned that she was using dope and had been taking money from the cash register. Date of termination, he believed, was May 30, 1968. He added that since that date, he has not seen any of the individuals described above.

MARTIGANI furnished the names of the following individuals who he believed had observed "JIM", and the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN, and the Mexican looking man at the Golden Garter Bar:

HAROLD PITZ
1104 South Marengo Avenue
Alhambra, California

CAROL HAINES
1304 Westminster Avenue
Alhambra, California

MARTIGANI noted that HAROLD PITZ reported he had played pool with the individual believed to be SIRHAN SIRHAN on a number of occasions and allegedly had been acquainted with him for six or more months.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

MARTIGANI related that he resides at 90 Monterey Road, Apartment 5, South Pasadena, California, telephone 254-6570. Further, that if he was to observe photographs of the above individuals, he believes he could identify same.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/13/68

Miss LINDA STURGEON, 13722 Telegraph Road, Apartment D, Whittier, California, telephone 941-6425, advised as follows:

She has been employed at the Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, in Alhambra for the past two months. She advised that she realizes most of the employees and patrons of the bar have been interviewed. She was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and she advised that this man is unknown to her, and to the best of her knowledge has never been a patron of the Golden Garter. She was also shown a photograph of ROBERT RICHARD ANDRESE. She remarked that this man had previously been a customer at the Golden Garter Bar and had been a friend of JAMES WILSON. ANDRESE has not been in the bar in the past three weeks, and prior to that, he had frequented the bar approximately six to eight times, usually in the company of WILSON. These visits to the bar were usually at night, since Miss STURGEON's shift is from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

She related that she could not understand why the big "fuss" was being made about SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She said he has never been a customer at the bar, and it is apparent to her that the owners of the bar, CARL and ANDY, have mistaken SIRHAN for ANDRESE. She further advised that she did not know how they could furnish information to the FBI, since they are very seldom in the bar. One or the other will usually stop by during the evening for approximately five to ten minutes to check on receipts and handle some business at the bar. She said of anybody connected with the bar, they would be the least aware of who frequents the bar.

On 6/13/63 at Whittier, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 620 -

by SAs RICHARD M. FOX and JOSEPH A. KRAHLING/RMF/eb Date dictated 6/13/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

CARL MARTIGANI, co-owner, Golden Garter Bar, 2605 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, California was interviewed and furnished the following information:

It is noted that CARL MARTIGANI had previously advised that on three separate occasions, approximately two to three weeks ago, he believes he observed SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN at the Golden Garter Bar and on one occasion believes he observed SIRHAN depart from a parked orange and white 1957 De Soto and enter the Golden Garter Bar.

At the time of interview, CARL MARTIGANI was exhibited a photograph of ROBERT RICHARD ANDRESE and also observed ANDRESE in person. CARL MARTIGANI stated ANDRESE was not the individual he observed at the Golden Garter Bar, as stated in a previous interview and that he could not recall ever seeing ANDRESE before.

On 6/10/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 621 -

by SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND/mmc Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/11/68

1

JAMES LLOYD WILSON, JR., 115 South Halladay Street, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California, was interviewed at his residence and in a Bureau car while enroute to Commerce, California. WILSON was advised by SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT the interview was regarding the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his knowledge and association with SIRHAN SIRHAN. A Waiver of Rights Form was furnished to WILSON and after reading it stated he understood his rights and executed the form.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to WILSON who advised he appears to be identical with an individual he worked with during May, 1968, who he knew as BOB (last name unknown).

WILSON explained he lived in Alhambra, California, for approximately two months at 2317 West Main Street, Apartment A. For the first month he lived by himself, but on May 9, 1968, DOROTHY MANNING and EDDIE NESS moved in with him. A few days thereafter, he helped MANNING obtain a job as a barmaid at the Golden Garter. He, WILSON, had hung around this bar for approximately four months shooting pool and drinking and knew the owners.

During the third week in May, WILSON obtained employment at the Scanbe Manufacturing Corporation, 1161 Monterey Pass Road, Monterey, California, and on the first day of employment met a fellow employee named BOB. They became friendly and BOB agreed to drive WILSON to and from work. Each evening after work at approximately 6:00 p.m., they stopped in the Golden Garter for some drinks, thereafter, they would go to WILSON's apartment for an hour or so. WILSON stated he kept the job at Scanbe for approximately two weeks and on each work day stopped at the bar and apartment with BOB.

WILSON pointed out he did not recall BOB's last name but had it written down in a address book maintained by RHONDA GREEN who resides in Commerce, California.

On 6/10/68 at Santa Ana, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SAs ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT and DOUGLAS R. LUND/RGI/pih - 622 - Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

He further pointed out that BOB tried to talk about politics all the time, which WILSON was not interested in, therefore, never paid much attention to the conversation. He did recall on one occasion while they were in the bar, BOB was talking about politics and was becoming a little excited so he told him to "cool it". WILSON said the last time he saw BOB was on the evening of May 29, 1968, at the bar where the aforementioned incident occurred.

WILSON furnished the following description and background information regarding BOB:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 years
Height	5'4" - 5'5"
Weight	130 pounds
Build	Thin
Hair	Black, combed straight back
Characteristics	Spoke with an accent, knew Karate
Complexion	Olive
Relatives	Mother, father and brother

WILSON was driven to Commerce, California, and obtained a page of an address book from RHONDA GREEN which read:

"BOB ANDRESE, 573-0015"

WILSON explained this was the BOB he worked with who frequented the Golden Garter with him.

WILSON furnished the following background information:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth Data	April 24, 1940 Chandler, Oklahoma
Height	5'10"
Weight	166 pounds
Hair	Brown, curly
Eyes	Grey

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Complexion	Light
Tattoos	Scorpion - inside lower left arm; Spider with "JIMMY" - upper right arm; "TW" - lower right arm; "LOVE THELMA" - upper left arm
Education	10 years
Arrests	1960, Santa Ana, Forgery, probation

Selective Service No. 35-7-40-79
Drivers License No. 6248463 (Texas)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

JAMES LLOYD WILSON, JR., 115 South Halladay Street, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California, was reinterviewed in a Bureau car near his residence.

WILSON identified a photograph of BOB ANDRESE as the individual he previously referred to as the BOB who worked with him in Monterey Park, California, and frequented the Golden Garter Bar, Alhambra, California.

WILSON pointed out that he did not see BOB on May 29, 1968, at the Golden Garter Bar as previously advised but feels he last saw him at the bar on the evening of May 28, 1968. He further pointed out he feels sure about this inasmuch as he, WILSON, quit his job at the Scanbe Manufacturing Corporation at noon on May 29, 1968. He left work and went directly to his apartment in Alhambra. He was driving a 1951 to 1953 DeSoto, gray or green in color, which belonged to ANGEL (Last Name Unknown)(LNU), an employee of Scanbe. He stayed at the apartment for approximately one or two hours and then drove to RHONDA GREEN's apartment in Commerce, California. He was accompanied by DOROTHY MANNING and EDDIE NESS. They stayed in Commerce until approximately 8:00 PM and then drove back to Alhambra. GREEN followed them in her automobile.

They all stayed in the apartment most of May 30, 1968. WILSON drove ANGEL's DeSoto back to the company area where he left it sometime during that day.

At approximately 8:00 PM, WILSON, accompanied by his brother, RICHARD, RHONDA GREEN and her two children, drove to RICHARD's apartment in Santa Ana, California, where he has resided since that time.

On June 3, 1968, he does not recall specifically what he did but believes he went to seek employment with his brother.

On 6/11/68 at Santa Ana, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 525 -

by SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT/asi Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

On June 4, 1968, he got up at approximately 5:30 AM and went with RICHARD to the Qwik-Serv Employment Agency on Spurgeon Street. They were at the agency from approximately 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, when they were sent on a job, name and location not recalled. They worked four and one-fourth hours and finished up at approximately 2:00 PM. He was returned to the agency at approximately 3:00 PM and arrived back at the apartment at approximately 3:30 PM. He stayed in the apartment until the bars opened at 8:00 PM, when he and RICHARD walked to a bar on Main Street to cash their employment checks. After they cashed the checks, they took a taxi to Sam's Bar, which is near the apartment. He believes he stayed there until approximately 11:00 PM, when he returned to the apartment and remained there until the morning of June 5, 1968.

At approximately 7:00 or 8:00 AM on June 5, 1968, he went to Anaheim, California, with his brother in an attempt to obtain employment.

WILSON stated that he was in debt to one of the owners of the Golden Garter Bar in the amount of $5 and recalls that this owner discussed the debt with him one evening a day or two before Memorial Day when he and BOB ANDRESE were sitting at a table in the bar.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/11/68

ROBERT RICHARD ANDRESE, 235 East Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, California, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

ANDRESE related that he is employed at the Scanbe Manufacturing Company, 1161 South Monterey Pass Road, Monterey Park. He stated that he had been employed at this firm for approximately one and one half months in the shop as a fabricator. ANDRESE advised that an individual he knew as JIM WILSON was formerly employed with him at the Scanbe Manufacturing Company, during the month of May 1968, and during this period he would accompany WILSON to the Golden Garter Bar, Alhambra after working hours and on their way home from work. He stated that he visited this bar with WILSON approximately four or five times and it was usually between 6:30 and 7:30 at night. ANDRESE added that on the last occasion he was in this bar with WILSON, which occasion he believes was the Monday before Memorial Day, he recalls sitting at a table with WILSON and having WILSON confronted by one of the owners of the bar over the extension of credit to WILSON for beer. The owner of this bar, name not known, had told JIM WILSON that he would not extend credit to him any longer and after a short discussion, he, ANDRESE, and WILSON left the bar. ANDRESE continued that he has not been in the Golden Garter since that date and has not seen JIM WILSON since May 29, 1968, at approximately 1 PM. when JIM WILSON terminated employment at the Scanbe Manufacturing Company.

At the time of interview ANDRESE furnished the following physical description of himself:

Born	December 9, 1944, Rochester, New York
Height	5'7"
Weight	138 pounds

On 6/10/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 627 -

by SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND/sdb Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Hair	Black (long and straight)
Eyes	Brown
Arrests	Claims no arrests
Military Service	U. S. Army 1966 - 1967, Serial No. US 5649292 (discharged honorably on May 13, 1967)

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/11/68

1

Mrs. DOROTHY MANNING, 11820 Mapledale Avenue, Norwalk, California, advised she has a daughter named DOROTHY MANNING and furnished the following background information and description of her:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	21
Birth Data	February 23, 1947 Lincoln, Nebraska
Height	5'4"
Weight	Approximately 130 pounds
Hair	Bleached blonde
Marital Status	Married, however separated from her husband.
Husbands	BILLIE SANFORD (1st husband) KEITH ROBERTSON (2nd husband)
Children	[redacted], 3 years of age [redacted], 2 years of age [redacted], 6 months old
Employment	Unemployed
Residence	Unknown
Arrests	Theft, May, 1968 Whittier, California

MANNING advised she has had very little contact with her daughter since January, 1968, when DOROTHY married KEITH ROBERTSON. She further advised DOROTHY only lived with ROBERTSON a few months and then moved in with a cousin, JANET WHITE, in the Whittier area. In May, 1968, DOROTHY was arrested and spent ten days in jail. Immediately following her release

---

On 6/8/68 Norwalk, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SAs ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT and MYRON M. HITCH/RGI/pih - 629 - Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

from jail until the end of May or the first of June, 1968, she had no contact with DOROTHY. She noted she takes care of DOROTHY's two older children and that DOROTHY has the baby with her.

MANNING stated she again saw DOROTHY around the first of June, 1968, and DOROTHY told her mother she was going to get an apartment and a job in the Norwalk area. DOROTHY visits the children on Sundays and occasionally drops by during the week. MANNING stated DOROTHY last visited her on Friday, June 7, 1968.

MANNING advised she did not know a JIM WILSON and that DOROTHY was presently going with an EDDIE NESS.

MANNING denied knowing where DOROTHY was residing or employed, and stated she had no way to get in touch with her. She claimed DOROTHY did not have an automobile but was driving an old Oldsmobile, not further described, when she visited her.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/9/68

1

DOROTHY DIANE MANNING, also known as Dorothy Diane Sanford and Dorothy Diane Robertson, was interviewed in a Bureau car outside the residence of her mother, DOROTHY MANNING, 11820 Mapledale Avenue, Norwalk, California. She furnished the following information:

She was employed as a bar maid at the Golden Garter Bar, Alhambra, California, from May 10, 1968, to May 25 or 26, 1968, when she was discharged from her employment. She obtained this job through a friend named JIM WILSON who was a regular patron of the bar and knew the owners.

Photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to MANNING and she stated she did not know this man but he does resemble a friend of JIM WILSON's whose name is BOB (Last Name Unknown). BOB worked with JIM WILSON at a machine shop in Alhambra during part of May, 1968. He frequently came into the Golden Garter Bar with JIM WILSON during May, 1968.

She described BOB as a white male; age 28 or 29; 5' 8"; 170 pounds; good build with large shoulders; pitch black, curly hair; pockmarked face and swarthy complexion. He claimed to be an Italian.

MANNING was confined to the Los Angeles County Jail for ten days and released on May 9, 1968. Upon her release her girl friend, RHONDA GREEN, invited MANNING and her boy friend, EDWARD NESS, to reside with GREEN and WILSON in Apartment A, 2317 Main Street, Alhambra, California. The four of them resided there until approximately June 1, 1968, when MANNING moved to 11101 Ferina Street, Apartment 4, Norwalk, which is the residence of NESS' sister and brother-in-law, JUNE and CARL HANCOCK.

MANNING described NESS as 18 years of age, 5' 10", 130 - 135 pounds, slender build, brown hair. NESS was arrested on June 8, 1968, on traffic charges and confined to the Los Angeles County Jail with an additional charge of presenting false identification to a police officer.

On 6/9/68 at Norwalk, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 631 -

by SA RICHARD K. PHINNEY
SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT/RKP/jae Date dictated 6/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

6/10/68

Date

EDWIN GERALD NESS, Inmate, Los Angeles County Jail, advised as follows:

During the month of May, 1968, he resided with DOROTHY MANNING, JAMES WILSON, and RHONDA GREEN at an apartment in Alhambra at 2317 Main Street. During that time, he was not employed and DOROTHY, whom he was living with, was employed as a barmaid at the Golden Garter in Alhambra. Also during this time, JAMES WILSON obtained employment at a company in Monterey Park, whose name he could not recall, but he thought it began with "S" and sounded something like "SCRABBLE." He believed that WILSON lasted at this employment approximately one week. WILSON did not own a car, and he was driven to and from work by an individual whom he (NESS) knew only as BOB. He believed BOB drove a 1962 Valiant and on several occasions stopped at the Golden Garter to have a drink with JAMES WILSON.

NESS was shown a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and he said that this photograph resembled the individual whom he knew as BOB, with the exception that BOB combed his hair straight back and had a pockmarked face.

NESS was asked as to what type mail WILSON received during the period they shared the apartment on Main Street. He replied that the only mail WILSON received was "bills." He said that he has known WILSON for the past three years and has resided with him for the past one month, until they split up approximately the first of June, 1968. During that period, WILSON has never made known his political beliefs, and it is the opinion of NESS that he is not interested in politics.

Since their split up on June 1, 1968, NESS has had one contact with WILSON, that being on June 8, 1968, in Santa Ana. NESS said he believes that WILSON is residing in Santa Ana somewhere near Main Street on either First or Fourth Street. WILSON's brother, RICHARD, is the manager of a bar in Santa Ana, California, the "Poor House" or "Pussy Cat."

On 6/9/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 632 -

by SA's RICHARD M. FOX and ROBERT IBBOTT (RMF:jmk) Date dictated 6/10/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WILSON was known to frequent the Golden Garter and to the best of NESS's memory, BOB had accompanied WILSON to the bar on many occasions.

NESS advised that he was being held by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office on a charge of furnishing false identification to a police officer.

NESS was asked why DOROTHY was fired as a barmaid from the Golden Garter. He stated that she was fired because one of the owners tried unsuccessfully to have sexual intercourse with her.

The following description of NESS was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	EDWIN GERALD NESS
Birth Data	August 27, 1949 Highland Park, California
Height	5'11"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Prior Arrest Record	Admitted two arrests approximately 1962 for Grand Theft Auto
Los Angeles Sheriff's Office No.	721-135
Scars and Marks	Tattoo of wolf head left upper arm.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/11/68

RHONDA LEE GREEN, 6058 Easton Avenue, Commerce, Los Angeles, was interviewed and advised the following:

GREEN related that on approximately Friday night, May 24, 1968, JIM WILSON, DOROTHY MANNING, EDDY NESS and BOB ADRESE visited with her at 6058 Easton Avenue. She added that during the course of this visit (approximately 8 to 9 PM) BOB ANDRESE played the phonograph and they listened to records. She stated that this was the last time she had seen ANDRESE. RHONDA GREEN advised that she has been friends with JIM WILSON, DOROTHY MANNING and EDDY NESS for some time but the only thing she knew about BOB ANDRESE was that he was employed with the same printing company, name not recalled that JIM WILSON was employed at in Monterey Park. She added that on the occasion mentioned above, ANDRESE furnished her with the following phone number and stated he can be reached at that number after 8:30 PM.(Area code 213-573-0015). During the course of interview photographs of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN were exhibited to GREEN and she advised that the picture resembled BOB except that BOB's hair seemed to be straighter and combed differently.

On 6/10/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 634 -

by SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND/sdb Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

RHONDA GREEN was interviewed at 115 South Halladay, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California. After reviewing a photograph of BOB ANDRESE, she identified him as the individual who visited her in Commerce, California, with JIM WILSON, DOROTHY MANNING and EDDIE NESS.

GREEN furnished the following information as to the activities of JIM WILSON during the end of May and beginning of June 1968:

To her knowledge, JIM WILSON worked in Monterey Park until May 29, 1968, when he quit. He drove to Commerce accompanied by DOROTHY MANNING and EDDIE NESS and he was driving an old two door DeSoto (year not known but believed to be of the early 1950 vintage). WILSON wanted to borrow her car to move from Alhambra to Santa Ana, California. They all left Commerce about 8:00 PM and drove directly to the apartment in Alhambra.

She does not recall specifically what WILSON did from May 31, 1968, through June 3, 1968.

On June 4, 1968, the bars were not opened and JIM and RICHARD WILSON went to look for a job through the Qwik-Serv Employment Agency. They left the apartment at approximately 6:30 AM and did not return until approximately 3:00 PM. They sat around the apartment until 8:00 PM when the bars opened, at which time JIM and RICHARD went to a local bar. They returned at approximately 9:00 PM but JIM left at 10:00 PM and went to Sam's Bar. At approximately 10:30 PM, RHONDA went to Sam's Bar to get JIM and they returned to the apartment approximately 15 minutes later.

GREEN, JIM WILSON, ELAINE WILSON and RICHARD WILSON stayed in the apartment from approximately 10:45 PM, June 4, 1968, watching television until the morning of June 5, 1968.

On 6/11/68 at Santa Ana, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 635 -

by SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT/asi Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

On June 5, 1968, JIM and RICHARD WILSON left the apartment at approximately 8:00 AM to seek employment.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/11/68

RICHARD LEE WILSON, 115 Halladay Street, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California, was interviewed in a Bureau car outside his residence since there were a number of people in his apartment at the time. WILSON is described as a male white, born January 1, 1944, in Long Beach, California, 5'10", 260 pounds, brown curly hair, and brown eyes. He is the brother of JAMES L. WILSON, who currently resides with him. He has previously been convicted of forgery and served two and one half years in the penitentiary.

WILSON advised he is currently unemployed but normally works as a machinist. His last employment was for Dodds Company, Beach and Stage Road, Buena Park, California, for whom he worked about one month and quit on May 29, 1968. His longest employment had been for a period of two years in 1962 and 1963 for the Kirkhill Rubber Company, Brea, California.

WILSON advised he had been living at 115 Halladay, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, since April 1968, with his wife, ELAINE WILSON, and their son. His brother, JIM WILSON, visited him at the Santa Ana apartment from time to time while living in Alhambra in April and May 1968. In the afternoon of May 30 or May 31, 1968, JIM WILSON and RHONDA GREEN moved from the Alhambra apartment to the Santa Ana address, along with their two children, and currently reside with the RICHARD WILSON family. WILSON was not certain of the date of the move, but recalled he spent the night of May 29 or May 30, 1968, with JIM and RHONDA at the Alhambra apartment after quitting his job. He said his wife and child remained in Santa Ana.

WILSON advised he had observed the television broadcasts of the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and the arrest of the alleged killer, SIRHAN SIRHAN. He did

---

On 6/11/68 at Santa Ana, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 637 -

by SA RICHARD K. PHINNEY/kaf Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

not recognize SIRHAN by name or photograph. He did not recognize the name BOB ANDRESE. Regarding BOB ALLEN, WILSON advised he had known him for about seven years and believed ALLEN currently lived in Paramount, California. Prior to May 1968, ALLEN lived with JIM WILSON, but they did not get along too well and split up.

WILSON advised his wife is currently employed as a barmaid at the Pour House Bar on First Street in Santa Ana, around the corner from his residence. She began this employment about June 4, 1968, and works the 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. shift. WILSON goes over to the bar at 2:00 a.m. to count the money and close the place. He spends about ten or fifteen minutes handling this matter and then returns to his apartment. He said JIM WILSON is generally asleep when he gets home since JIM gets up so early to go to work.

WILSON advised RHONDA GREEN has a 1964 gray Comet sedan, which is sometimes used by JIM WILSON since he does not own a car. The only other vehicle JIM WILSON is known to have driven recently was BOB ALLEN's white Plymouth.

Regarding the move from Alhambra to Santa Ana on May 30 or May 31, 1968, WILSON believed the move had occurred about 6:00 p.m. He said JIM WILSON, RHONDA GREEN, the two children and he drove from Alhambra in RHONDA's Comet and moved into the Santa Ana apartment. All of them got drunk that night, which is a regular occurrence at the house. He said they drink frequently, but it is generally limited to beer. Most of the drinking occurs at home and they have not been frequenting bars in the Santa Ana area. Regarding the Golden Garter Bar in Alhambra, WILSON advised he did not believe he had ever been to that location.

WILSON advised the week end of June 1 and June 2, 1968, involved considerable drinking at the apartment by all of the adult members of the family so that his recollection is hazy about that time. He did recall that on June 4, 1968, which was election day, he and JIM WILSON had worked four hours for Quick Service, located near Second Street in Santa

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Ana, about four blocks from his residence. He recalled they went there at 6:00 a.m., and obtained a job unloading a truck about 9:00 a.m. He and JIM worked until about 2:00 p.m., June 4, 1968, making $1.65 an hour for their labors. He recalled there were elections that day since they were unable to cash the vouchers for their wages at a bar until 8:00 p.m., since the bars were closed until that time. About 2:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter, he and JIM WILSON returned to the apartment from the employment and stayed around the house the rest of the afternoon. At 8:00 p.m., he and JIM cashed their vouchers at the Spa Bar on South Main Street in Santa Ana. They took a taxi from the Spa Bar about one half mile to the Lasso Bar, where they had a pitcher of beer and walked home. He said the Lasso Bar is near the Pour House Bar and he assumed they got home at 9:30 or 10:00 p.m., but he was not certain. That evening he and JIM watched television, along with RHONDA GREEN and ELAINE WILSON. The children were sleeping at the time. He recalled the election returnswere coming in and there was a movie which he watched, although he could not recall the name of it. He recalled seeing Senator ROBERT KENNEDY make his victory speech concerning the California election returns followed by reports of the shooting of Senator KENNEDY. He said he, JIM and the girls were all quite shocked about what happened but recalled no specific conversation about it. He said all of the people went to bed about 4:00 a.m.

WILSON advised he got up at about 8:00 or 9:00 a.m., on June 5, 1968, and observed that the other adults and children were still sleeping. He went back to bed and slept again until 10:00 a.m. or so, when he got up and found JIM WILSON was also up at that time. He recalled that during June 5, 1968, he, JIM and the girls watched television most of the day involving the investigation of the KENNEDY assassination. They were also all drinking quite heavily and he did not believe they left the residence to go anywhere.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

WILSON advised upon further consideration, he believed it was on June 5, 1968, that he and JIM had also looked for some employment. He said JIM WILSON filled out an application for a job in the City of Orange, California, where he had previously worked or was known. He and JIM had driven to that location in RHONDA GREEN's car and were gone several hours before returning to the apartment. WILSON advised he did not enter the company from whom his brother was seeking employment, but rather remained in the car. After they returned to the apartment, he believed they stayed there the balance of the day.

Regarding Monday, June 3, 1968, WILSON advised he now has no particular recollection of what had occurred on that day.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/13/68

ELAINE M. WILSON, 115 South Halladay, Apartment 7, Santa Ana, California, advised that she is married to RICHARD WILSON and that JIM WILSON is her brother-in-law. She further advised that on May 30, 1968, JIM WILSON, RHONDA GREEN and her children moved into the apartment.

WILSON furnished the following information regarding JIM WILSON's activities from June 3 - 5, 1968:

On 6/3/68, JIM and RICHARD WILSON left the apartment at approximately 9:00 AM to seek employment and returned at approximately 11:30 AM. They stayed in the apartment the rest of the day drinking and talking.

On June 4, 1968, JIM and RICHARD WILSON got up about 6:00 AM and left the apartment to seek employment through the Qwik-Serv Employment Agency and were gone until approximately 3:15 PM. JIM stayed in the apartment until approximately 8:00 PM when the bars opened and, at that time, he and RICHARD went to the Spa Bar on Main Street to draw money for their employment. They returned at approximately 9:30 PM. JIM left at 10:00 PM to go to Sam's Bar and at approximately 10:30 PM, RHONDA went to the bar to get him and they returned approximately 20 minutes later. They all stayed in the apartment watching television until the early morning of June 5, 1968.

On June 5, 1968, JIM and RICHARD left the apartment at approximately 8:00 or 9:00 AM to seek employment and were gone for approximately two hours when they returned. During the early afternoon, they again left the apartment for job interviews and returned at approximately 3:00 PM, where they remained for the rest of the day.

On 6/11/68 at Santa Ana, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 641 -

by SA ROBERT GEORGE IBBOTT/asi Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

KAREN HAINES, 2514 South Grand, advised as follows:

She is a frequent customer of the Golden Garter Bar in Alhambra, California. She was shown photographs of JAMES LLOYD WILSON, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and ROBERT ANDRESE. After viewing these photographs she stated that the only individuals she knows in this group is JAMES LLOYD WILSON. She advised that SIRHAN looks like an individual who came to the bar on two or three occasions with WILSON. The photograph of SIRHAN was again viewed by her and she stated that this individual is not known to her.

She advised that there is a customer of the bar whom she knows only as "WALKING BILL". She stated she was present at the bar one evening when WILSON introduced "WALKING BILL" to his friend and she heard through the owners CARL and ANDY MARTIGANI, that his name was SIRHAN B. SIRHAN. She was asked to further identify "WALKING BILL" and she stated that the only thing she knew about him was that he was employed by Royal Industries in Alhambra.

On 6/19/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 642 -

by SA RICHARD M. FOX and SA JOSEPH A. KRAHLING RMF/nmb Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

MARTIN J. CAMPBELL, Day Bartender, Hole In One Bar, Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, California, advised as follows:

He is the day bartender at the bar which is owned by his son RON. It has been open since the first of May, 1968 and prior to that time had been closed for approximately two or three months.

Mr. CAMPBELL was shown photographs of JAMES LLOYD WILSON, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and ROBWRT ANDRESE. After viewing these photographs he said none of these individuals to his knowledge have frequented this bar. To the best of his knowledge he has never seen any of these individuals before.

He advised that his son RON is the night bartender and he is employed during the day at the United States Post Office in Alhambra, California.

On 6/18/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 643 -

by SA RICHARD M. FOX/nmb Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

R. R. CAMPBELL, United States Post Office, 1603 West Valley Boulevard, Alhambra, California, advised as follows:

He bought the Hole In One Bar and opened it approximately May 1, 1968. He was shown photographs of JAMES LLOYD WILSON, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and ROBERT ANDRESE. After viewing these photographs he stated that none of these individuals are familiar to him.

To the best of his knowledge none of these individuals have been at the Hole In One Bar.

He was asked if HAROLD PITZ was known to him as being a customer at the bar and he replied negatively.

On 6/13/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 644 -

by SA RICHARD M. FOX/nmb Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/21/68

WILLIAM WOODBURN, Royal Industries, 1035 Westminster, advised as follows:

He has been a frequent customer of the Golden Garter Bar in Alhambra, California since the first of the year. He advised that he usually stops there for a beer on the way home to his residence in La Puente, California. He was shown photographs of JAMES LLOYD WILSON, SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, and ROBERT ANDRESE. He advised the photographs of WILSON and ANDRESE are identical to individuals he has known since approximately the first of May when they too were customers of the Golden Garter Bar.

He viewed the photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN and advised that this individual is unknown to him. He stated that during the early part of May, WILSON and ANDRESE were at the Golden Garter Bar and WILSON introduced WOODBURN to ANDRESE as a friend named BOB. WOODBURN stated that he did not know that BOB's last name was ANDRESE until this time. WILSON and WOODBURN would shoot pool quite a bit at the Golden Garter Bar. WOODBURN stated that on one or two occasions he saw ANDRESE shooting pool with WILSON at the Golden Garter Bar.

On 6/19/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA RICHARD M. FOX - 645 - SA JOSEPH A. KRAHLING RMF/nmb Date dictated 6/20/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/9/68

STEVE STUART, 12025 East Broadway, Whittier, California, telephone 692-4280, advised that approximately two weeks ago he shot pool at the Golden Garter Bar with an individual whom he believes was SIRHAN SIRHAN. He said while they were shooting pool, he asked SIRHAN his name and SIRHAN made the comment that "you probably wouldn't believe it," and rattled off a foreign sounding name. STUART said he is unable to recall what name he gave him. STUART could furnish no further information concerning SIRHAN or his associates.

On 6/8/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SAs DOUGLAS R. LUND & EWING G. LAYHEW /pjc - 646 - Date dictated 6/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 6/14/68

HAROLD PITZ, 1104 South Marengo Avenue, Alhambra, California, was interviewed and advised as follows:

It is noted that on a previous interview, HAROLD PITZ advised he had played pool on different occasions in the last six months, with an individual he believes to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN.

At the time of this interview on June 10, 1968, a photograph of ROBERT RICHARD ANDRESE was exhibited to HAROLD PITZ, also PITZ physically observed ANDRESE in person. PITZ stated that ANDRESE was not the individual he had played pool with within the last six months, as indicated in prior interview. He also stated he could not recall having seen ANDRESE before.

On 6/10/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 647 -

by SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND/mmc Date dictated 6/14/68.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/14/68

HAROLD PITZ, 1104 South Marengo Avenue, Alhambra, California, was interviewed and furnished the following information:

PITZ related that within the last six months, he has played pool on different occasions with an individual he believes to be identical with SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN. He stated that he has played pool with this individual at Norm's Nook, Alhambra, now known as the Hole In One Bar and also at the Golden Garter Bar. He added the last time he played pool with this individual was approximately two to three weeks ago on a Saturday night.

PITZ advised that during these times, this individual did not give his name to PITZ, seemed to understand English quite well, but did not speak very much and actually was very quiet, during these occasions. He could not recall him being with any other individuals and only knows he seemed to have an accent.

PITZ described this individual he believes to be SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	23 to 25
Height	5'4"
Weight	130 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Features	Small

On 6/8/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 648 -

by SA DOUGLAS RAY LUND/mmc Date dictated 6/14/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/9/68

Mrs. MURIEL TEAGUE, owner of the apartment at 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, California, advised that in early April, 1968, she was telephonically contacted by an individual, who identified himself as BOB ALLEN, who was interested in renting an apartment at 2317 West Main Street. Subsequently, Mrs. TEAGUE contacted BOB ALLEN, who was accompanied by JAMES WILSON and arrangements were made whereby she rented the apartment to ALLEN and WILSON with a small deposit and a promise to pay her the advance in rental at a later date. They informed her that they were from the Paramount, California, area and had recently acquired employment with the International Extrusion Company, Alhambra, California.

Mrs. TEAGUE advised that they rented the apartment commencing on April 2, 1968, and did not sign any form of leasing agreement. She said that in an effort to secure payment from the apartment she had made a number of trips to the apartment and had contact with the individuals residing there. According to her, shortly after the apartment was rented, ALLEN contacted her telephonically and informed her that he was no longer living at the apartment in view of the fact that he could not put up with the other individuals there.

In her contact at the apartment, Mrs. TEAGUE said there were two women living at the apartment and another man, who she believed was identified to her as RUDY MARTINE or RAMIREZ. A woman living at the apartment, who she knew as DOROTHY a blond, claimed she was the wife of that individual. In conversati with the woman, she was told that this individual was called EDDIE. Mrs. TEAGUE said they resided in Apartment A.

On one occasion when she visited the apartment, there were two small children there. DOROTHY told her that an aunt in Norwalk normally took care of the children.

She furnished the following description of the men associated with the apartment:

On 6/8/68 at San Marino, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

- 649 -

by SAS DOUGLAS R. LUND and EWING G. LAYHEW /pjc Date dictated 6/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Name	JIM WILSON
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	24 years
Height	5'10"
Hair	Brown
Build	Heavy

Name	BOB ALLEN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	24 to 26 years
Height	5'10"
Hair	Sandy
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair

Name	RUDY MARTINEZ
Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'10"
Age	22 to 24 years
Build	Slender
Hair	Black, may have been a little kinky

Mrs. TEAGUE said that in view of the failure of the occupants to pay their rent that she contacted the International Extrusion Company concerning WILSON and was informed that he terminated on May 9, 1968. There was no record at the International Extrusion Company for BOB ALLEN.

The apartment was vacated some time over the Memorial Day weekend; and according to her, it was in a "terrible mess." She engaged the services of the EVERETT SNODGRASS family, who reside in Apartment B at 2317 Main Street, Alhambra, to clean up the apartment.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

Mrs. TEAGUE related after viewing a composite photograph of an individual known as JIM by ANDREW and CARL MARTIGANI, that this composite was similar in appearance to the individual Mrs. TEAGUE knew as JIM WILSON.

At time of interview, a photograph of SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN was exhibited to Mrs. TEAGUE and after viewing same, she stated she could not identify this individual as anyone she knew.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176

FD-302 (Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 6/11/68

Mrs. EVERETT SNODGRASS, 2317 West Main Street, Alhambra, California, Apartment B, advised that she recalls the individuals who resided in Apartment A during May 1968. She stated she was never informed of their names by the individuals residing there, however, Mrs. MURIEL TEAGUE, the owner of the apartment had informed her that JIM WILSON lived there. She said that she knew a woman who resided there by the name of DOROTHY. She said DOROTHY was a blonde and had an infant child. After observing a photograph of DOROTHY MANNING, she stated that the woman in the photograph appeared to be identical to the DOROTHY she knew. She said there were two other men she observed there and assumed to be living there. She did not know their names. After viewing photographs of ROBERT ANDRESE, and SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN, she commented that ANDRESE's photograph resembled photographs she had observed of SIRHAN through the news media. She said she had not observed individuals resembling ANDRESE and SIRHAN at the apartment.

On 6/11/68 at Alhambra, California File # Los Angeles 56-156

by SA DOUGLAS R. LUND; - 652 -
SA EWING G. LAYHEW/sdb Date dictated 6/11/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176